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OR HELPS TO HOLY LIVING

A Special Tonic for Young People and
A Stimulus for Those Who Are Older

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He should have fed them also with the finest of the wheat; and
with honey out of the rock should I have satisfied thee. Psa. 81:16.

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PREFACE.

During the years of 1902 and 1903 the Author of this book had charge of the Young People's page of the Christian Standard, published in Philadelphia, edited by the Rev. E. I. D. Pepper. Much original matter was contributed during this period, which seemed to be appreciated by a large number of readers. That these articles may have a wider reading I have selected the choicest for compilation in this book. A large variety of subjects are treated. Helps, suggestions, admonitions and exhortations are frequent. The "Special Subjects" with Scriptural references are terse, pertinent and spiritual. Many of these can be used for Bible readings or prayer meeting topics. The "General Subjects" have wide range and abound with interesting, illustrative matter. The tone of the book is intensely spiritual throughout. The great and important doctrines of the Bible essential to salvation are clearly, strongly and definitely taught.

Open the book at almost any page and you will find inspiration to holy living.

I send it forth in the name of my holy Sanctifier and pray that under the direction of the Spirit it may prove a blessing to thousands.

Faithfully,

C. E. C.

Dedicatory.

To

A choice lover

A pious and devoted wife

The willing, patient, loyal mother of my children

I affectionately dedicate this book.

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ENTERING THE KINGDOM.

John 3: 1-8; John 5: 24.

No more can we be born of ourselves in a physical sense than we can get into the spiritual kingdom through any scheme of our own. The first is an utter impossibility, and the second is likewise impossible. That we have all been born physically is a certainty, but that all have been born spiritually is not so certain even of those who profess the name of Christ. The importance of this subject is undervalued, and the danger lies in not placing enough emphasis upon it. The Bible statement is emphatic, and to presume upon the Word of God by substituting church joining, good works, gradualism, or a certain ethical evolution, as a means of getting into the kingdom is to deceive, endanger and embarrass the soul, and load the church down with unseasoned timber having no life or power. What are the conditions for entering the kingdom? More than joining church, more than raising the hand for prayer, more than a few good resolutions, more than signing a card, more than baptism, as sacred and

important as that may be, more than subscribing to a few rules of faith and practice, and more than acquiescing to certain statements put into the mouth by some one else. These may be all right enough in their place, but deeper and beyond any human method or attainment is the place where the soul comes in contact with God. "Ye must be born again," carries with it the possibility of the experience, and "He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself."

CONDITIONS NECESSARY FOR ENTERING THE KINGDOM.

1. "Without faith it is impossible to please him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." Heb. 11: 6.
2. We must feel that we are sinners before Him. "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Rom. 3: 23. This word "all" certainly means the whole human race.
3. If we are sinners then we must come to God to be forgiven. "Who can forgive sins but God alone?" Luke 5: 21.
4. We must repent. This means more than being sorry for sin. It means being sorry enough to "quit." "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon." Isaiah 55: 7.
5. Absolute surrender—the laying down of our arms

of rebellion and the vowing of fidelity and allegiance to the new King.

6. Faith. A simple, childlike trustfulness in Christ as my Saviour. The assent of the will to follow Jesus through evil as well as through good report.

TEN SCRIPTURAL EVIDENCES THAT YOU ARE REGENERATED.

Peace with God.—Romans 5: 1.

Does not commit sin.—I John 3: 9.

Loves the brethren.—I John 3: 14.

Confesses with his mouth.—Romans 10: 10.

Hath the witness in himself.—I John 5: 10.

Led by the Spirit.—Romans 8: 14.

Has the fruit of the Spirit.—Galatians 5: 22, 23.

Keeps Christ's commandments.—John 14: 15, 21.

Entirely separate from the world and worldly things.

—I John 2: 15-17.

Desires holiness.—I John 3: 2, 3.

A DOZEN HELPS TO HOLY LIVING.

1. Observe regular seasons of secret prayer, morning and evening.
2. Read daily some portion of God's Word.
3. Attend one prayer meeting each week if you have strength to get there.
4. Stand up for Jesus always and everywhere.
5. Try to save at least one soul each year. One each month would be better.

6. Engage in no amusement where the Saviour could not be a guest.
7. Never waste time in idleness and loafing. Better spend it in Bible-reading or in the reading of some good devotional book.
8. Be careful of your tongue, that you be not led into a "multitude of words" which might terminate in evil-speaking or slander.
9. Try to do some good each day. Say a kind word. Send a tract, or write a letter.
10. Avoid evil companions who would lead you to ruin. Seek the companionship of the good and pure.
11. Be careful what you read. Many of the novels of the present day are the merest trash. They are full of poison. Keep well to that which will enlarge your faith, perfect you in love, and make your soul like a "watered garden."
12. "Finally, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue and if there be any praise, think on these things."

ALL FOR JESUS.

We sing it, preach it and pray it, but "how few", say the Methodist Bishops, "who consecrate *all of their all*." The way of the cross is far from the way of selfishness, far from that of pride or self-indulgence. In fact, very far removed from having our own way. Peter wanted Jesus to "favor himself," but Jesus saw in this sug-

gestion the hand of Satan, and immediately said: "Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me; for thou savorest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men." Had Jesus dared to follow Peter's suggestion what consequences might have followed! The whole plan of redemption would have been defeated. So with us, if we listen to the enticing of the tempter, or the favor of friends, or the claim of business or pleasure, or anything that would keep us from going all the way with Jesus, we endanger our souls. "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life for my sake shall find it." Matt. 16: 24-25.

My heart to be His temple.
 My eyes to read His Word.
 My lips to speak His praise.
 My hands to work for Him.
 My feet to follow Him.

A GREAT AWAKENING IN MY HEART,
 MY CHURCH, CHRIST'S CHURCH
 EVERYWHERE.

Rom. 13: 10-14.

If all should honestly follow the Scriptures cited here what an awakening would come. And why not? Shall the Scriptures speak in vain? Will anything less than the "assent" with and "consent" to all the known will of God insure our safety? Surely not. Then let the "awakening" become a personal matter with each indi-

vidual. It must begin in your heart before you will have much influence in reaching others. One match and enough kindling wood and a very great fire can be started. What shall you do? See to it that you are genuinely converted; that Romans 8: 16 is your experience; that you are separate from all worldly entanglements; that Jesus is precious to your soul morning, noon and night; that you are using all possible spare time to advance His Kingdom; that you are speaking to the unsaved about their souls; and if you have not already done so, that you mean to seek God until He sanctifies your heart, and tells you so. If this is your purpose the awakening has begun on the altar of your heart; then use all the grace that God gives you.

WAYS OF WORKING.

Make a list of names of those whom you would like to see converted. Put down at least six names. Carry this list with you and pray for them daily by name. As opportunity affords speak to them concerning the matter of salvation. If you cannot reach them this way, write each a loving, personal letter. Put in a tract or two that you think will fit their case. If they are not influenced by your direct efforts, send some Christian friend to see them, or have him write a letter. If still there is hardness of heart, interest several Christian friends in their behalf, and have them "drop in" occasionally and say a word. Don't give up. Keep trying, and it will not be long until your labors are blessedly rewarded.

Plan to bring the unsaved under the influence of the

Gospel. Many a man has been converted by the first Gospel sermon he had heard, perhaps, for years. Cards of invitation with appropriate Scripture verses are often blessed of God in awakening a soul.

If there should be sickness in the family of any on your list, be sure to call, say a kind word, have a few words of prayer if possible; leave a good book to be read to the sick one, or a bunch of flowers.

If those on your list are men, plan for a little prayer meeting, at a lawyer's or business office or your home—or somewhere that those you intend to help will not be afraid to come. Bait your hook with good bait if you expect to catch fish. You cannot catch fish with a bare hook. You might "snag" one occasionally, but the chances are rare. Push for souls with the same energy most men push for business. I mean in a legitimate sense, persistently, determinedly expecting success, and God will bless your labor by giving you scores of souls.

ILLUSTRATIONS.

A few years ago, in a small upper room, less than a dozen young men assembled for prayer. That night two were converted, and one or two claimed the baptism with the Holy Ghost. Two of these young men are now preaching the Gospel, and most of the others are active in Christian work.

In a little parlor meeting planned to help several persons into the experience of holiness, the Spirit was poured out as at Pentecost, and four or five were sanctified, among the number a young man who afterward became a successful Sunday-school Superintendent, wield-

ing large influence, and is now a successful Christian worker.

A Sunday-school teacher received the blessing of perfect love, and immediately there was a great hunger in her heart for the conversion of the twelve girls in her class. She planned to have them call to see her one at a time. She followed this with a home social, to which all the girls were invited. Her object was to win their entire confidence that she might lead them to Christ. Personal letters and faithful teaching came next, and before the year was up this consecrated teacher had the pleasure of leading her whole class to Christ.

Awake! awake! young people, the harvest field is white. Souls are going into eternity unsaved. Do something. Do something for lost souls. Do something for God. Begin today.

“AWAKE.”

Awake to righteousness and sin not. I Cor. 15: 34.

Awake! awake! put on thy strength, O Zion. Isaiah 52: 1.

Awake, ye drunkards, and weep. Joel 1: 5.

Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. Eph. 5: 14.

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP EVANGELIZE THE WORLD?

I can present myself, my time, my money; MY ALL, without reservation, to the Lord, now and forever. This is but my “reasonable service.”

I can “tarry” until I am endued with power from

on high. Until I know for myself as an experience what the hundred and twenty knew at Pentecost.

I can then use the ability and power that God has given me to reach my unsaved friends at home, and if God should call me to a larger field, I will go.

I can avoid the useless expenditure of money either for personal adornment or some selfish end, and thus have more money to give to send the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

By my own happy, overcoming, religious experience, and my enthusiasm for the souls of men, I can influence many others to make a like consecration.

What I can do, I ought to do,
And what I ought to do, I WILL DO,
GOD BEING MY HELPER.

HUMILITY.

Humility is perpetual quietness of heart. It is to have no trouble. It is never to be fretted, or vexed, or irritated, or sore, or disappointed; it is to expect nothing, to wonder at nothing that is done to me, to feel nothing done against me. It is to be at rest when nobody praises me, and when I am blamed and despised. It is to have a blessed home in myself, where I can go in and shut the door, and kneel to my Father in secret, and where I am at peace, as in a deep sea of calmness when all around and above is trouble.

JUST "TWO."

Saved or lost.

Sheep or goats.

Sinner or Christian.

Righteous or unrighteous.

Wise or foolish virgins.

Faithful or unfaithful stewards.

Sand-built or rock-built houses.

Wheat or tares.

The narrow way or the broad way.

A good tree or a corrupt tree.

Heaven or hell.

WHICH SHALL IT BE?

RESULTS IN THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETINGS.

Many Young People's Meetings are in danger of getting in the rut of formalism. There is no particular aim, no definite plan. The leader reads a little squib from a paper or a brief essay on the topic, and then says, "The meeting is now open. I trust you will improve the time." The faithful few take part (if there are any such left, and there usually are), the closing song is sung and the meeting dismissed. Why not aim at real, practical results. Let the officers appoint leaders with the understanding that no meeting shall close without giving some one an opportunity to be prayed for. Possibly some unsaved young man or woman is there, or some broken-hearted burdened one, or some one sorely tempted. These need the prayers of Christians. Why

not expect some person to get converted in the Young People's Meeting? What is such a meeting for, anyhow? There are thousands of meetings where this is possible. Aim at results, expect results, get results.

WHY SHOULD THE CHURCH EVANGELIZE THE WORLD?

Matthew 28: 19-20. Romans 1: 14-16; 10: 12-15.

Mr. Jno. R. Mott has written a book of great interest entitled "The Evangelization of the World in this Generation." In chapter 2 he gives the following reasons why we are under obligation to evangelize the world: "(1) because all men need Christ; (2) because we owe all men the Gospel; (3) because it is essential to the best life of the Christian Church; (4) because the need on the part of the unevangelized portions of the earth is an urgent one."

MY PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY.

1. If all men need Christ, what am I doing to have all men know Him?
2. If we owe all men the Gospel, what am I doing to pay my share of the debt?
3. If it is essential to the best life of the Church, what am I doing to sustain and intensify that life?
4. If the need is urgent, am I awake to the imperativeness of the situation?

WAYS OF HELPING.

Personal Preparation. Seek and find the promised power.—Acts 1: 8.

Personal Testimony. Witness to the fulfillment of the promise in your own heart on all proper occasions.

Personal Effort. Use what God has given you if you expect Him to give more. The Lord is not wasting grace upon anybody.

Personal Contact. Invite that friend to Christ you have so long neglected.

WHAT I CAN DO.

I can know Christ myself.

I can tell others about Him.

I can invite others to Him.

I can give of my earthly substance.

I can give myself to go or stay as the Lord may call.

I can make the best of every opportunity, with God's help.

I can pray earnestly that the world may be speedily evangelized.

 A GOOD YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING.

Begins promptly.

Everybody sings.

Has plenty of singing books.

The leader does not take all the time.

All Christians bow or kneel in prayer, and pray.

When the opportunity for testimony comes every moment is taken.

Personal experience is quite often given rather than comment on the topic.

Strangers are cordially invited to come again.

Those who are unsaved are always invited to stand or hold up their hands for prayer, and then personally urged to give their hearts to Christ at once.

A good Young People's Meeting has vim, vigor, strength, helpfulness, enthusiasm and fruit.

THE POWER OF CHRIST OVER GOOD RESOLUTIONS.

Four young men banded themselves together to quit swearing. They were honest and meant to stop. They tried hard, but in spite of it all they failed. One young man said he broke over only four times in four days, but added, "On Thanksgiving evening, two weeks ago, I gave my heart to Christ and was converted, and since then I have not sworn a single oath, and I have not tried to keep from it, either; it has all left me." The only real cure for profanity or any other vile habit is the salvation of Jesus Christ.

INASMUCH.

Inasmuch as there is a hell, shun it.

Inasmuch as there is a heaven, gain it.

Inasmuch as you are a Christian, you should be Christ-like.

Inasmuch as you are holy, you must suffer persecution.

Inasmuch as you are saved, you should seek to save others.

Inasmuch as you are ashamed of Christ's words you are ashamed of Him.

THE PATHWAY OF PEACE.

Jno. 14: 25-31; Isa. 26: 3.

The pathway to peace is not by any system of ethical culture or moral gymnastics alone. No man yet, simply by his own efforts has been able to reach a state of moral perfection satisfactory to himself.

Benjamin Franklin, one of the most lovely characters in history, has this passage in his autobiography, (1773):

“It was about this time I conceived the bold and arduous project of arriving at moral perfection. I wished to live without committing any fault at any time, and to conquer all that either natural inclination; custom, or company might lead me into. As I knew, or thought I knew, what was right and wrong, I did not see why I might not always do the one and avoid the other. But I soon found I had undertaken a task of more difficulty than I had imagined. While my attention was taken up and employed in guarding against one fault, I was often surprised by another; habit took the advantage of inattention; inclination was sometimes too strong for reason. I concluded, at length, that the mere speculative conviction that it is to our interest to be completely virtuous is not sufficient to prevent our slippings; and

that the contrary habit must be broken, and good ones acquired and established, before we can have any dependence on a steady, uniform rectitude of conduct."

The physicians who gave an exhaustive report of the trial, execution, autopsy and mental status of Czolgosz, the assassin of President McKinley, say, "There was found absolutely no condition of any of the viscera that could have been at the bottom of any mental derangement. Taking all in all, the verdict must be 'socially diseased and perverted but not mentally diseased.' The most horrible violation of human law cannot always be condoned by the plea of insanity. *The wild beast slumbers in us all.* It is not always necessary to invoke insanity to explain its awakening." "The wild beast," "the tiger," "the old man," "depravity," "sin that dwelleth in me," "root of bitterness," "an evil heart of unbelief," is a certainty in the human heart and science again adds its testimony to the fact.

You cannot train the "animal" to good behavior, nor make him lie down in peace and quietness by any human method. He must be cast out entirely or else there will be war, strife, unrest, hatred, jealousy, anger, envy, very often on the slightest provocation. Thank God, the "old man" can be "crucified" (Rom. 6: 6) he can be "put off" (Eph. 4: 22), "Jesus was manifested to destroy the works of the Devil" (1 Jno. 3: 8), "His blood cleanseth from all sin," (1 Jno. 1: 7). The Comforter came and they did get pure hearts at Pentecost (Acts 15: 8, 9.) The only safe way for any human being to deal with the "wild beast" is to have him electrocuted by the Holy Spirit, and then you will strike the pathway to the most perfect peace this side of Heaven. Glory!

OBEDIENCE.

1 Sam. 15: 22, 23; 1 Kings 3: 14; Rev. 22: 14.

God demands literal obedience. He has a right to. He is all-wise and knows the end from the beginning. Those who obey God, though outward circumstances and environments may seem difficult, will find the pathway one of peace, with the lions all chained. Saul wanted a little of his own way, and gave a very religious reason for his action, but it displeased God, who will have no halfway measures, and he made an utter failure. Solomon made a noble start. He "loved the Lord." "I am but a little child," and God bestowed upon him gracious liberality, but he became pompous, proud, self-willed, disobedient and had a miserable end. See 1 Kings 11.

OBEDIENCE.

"Obedience is like its first letter, which must be perfect and entire. If it is broken, it is no longer an O; it is a C and stands for Contempt."

Obedience without the propelling power of love is a hard taskmaster.

WHOM SHALL I OBEY?

Parents.—Eph. 6: 1-4.

Rulers.—Rom. 13: 1-7.

God.—Josh. 23: 1-11.

THE JOY OF SERVICE.

Psa. 126: 5-6; Matt. 25: 19-23.

It is said of Dr. Keen, when he was dying, that someone remarked that he had worked too hard—perhaps a little indiscreet. But this great soul at the very edge of eternity sent word back, “I am glad I let out the last link every time.” To get real joy from service is to do your very best, let out the last link every time. God never wastes grace on anybody, and the reason why many people do not enjoy more is because they do not use what God has already bestowed. If one would have liberty, you must take liberty every chance you get. If you would fill a large place, prove faithful in the small things. If you are compelled to march at the tail end of the procession, make the man in front of you hustle to keep out of your way.

Remember that after all real joy comes from “being” rather than “doing.” The cry of the church today is, “Do, do, do; work, work, work,” and many are almost working their finger-tips off with but little joy. This is a good deal like trying to run machinery without any motive power. God’s word puts it, “Be perfect;” “Be filled with the Spirit.” This makes service easy as well as delightful. First experience, then service.

SOME LITTLE THINGS I CAN DO.

I can write a letter to an unsaved friend.

I can stop in and say a word of cheer to that poor family across the street.

I can invite the neighbor's children to go to Sunday-school.

I can send a bunch of flowers to some sick-room.

I can read the Bible or a good book to old Mrs. Blank, who cannot see to read.

I can stay at home and mind baby while poor, tired mamma goes to church occasionally.

I can plan to help someone else rather than gratify my own selfishness all the time.

I can shake hands with strangers when they come to church, and invite them to come again.

YOURSELF.

Think for yourself.

Act for yourself.

Believe for yourself.

Enjoy salvation for yourself.

Make sure of Heaven yourself.

THE SECRET OF ENDURANCE.

Heb. 11: 27; Exod. 33: 9-23.

Paul prayed "night and day exceedingly," that the faith of his converts at Thessalonica might be perfected, "To the end he may stablish your hearts unblamable in holiness." (1 Thess. 3: 10-13.) And writing to the Romans he talks about "access by faith into this grace wherein we stand." So it would seem there is both a "stablishing" and "standing" grace. If one would "endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ," (2 Tim. 2-3) let him immediately seek the blessing of holiness. There is nothing else that will come so near making one hold out—endure. The greatest hindrance to Christian faithfulness is the carnal mind. It constantly hampers usefulness, blights faith, darkens experience, and obstructs love. Get the "old man" electrocuted by the baptism with the Holy Ghost, and the life will be "transformed," the heart fairly glow with holy love, and Christian service will be both spontaneous and delightful. The cure for much of the backsliding in the church is to seek and obtain the experience of entire sanctification. And the sooner the ministry and the people awake to this fact, the sooner the church will put on her beautiful garments of holiness and march to victory, "fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners."

HELPS TO ENDURE.

Wait on God. Psa. 37: 34-40.
 Strength. Psa. 20.
 Courage. Josh. 1: 19.
 Might. Eph. 3: 14-21.
 Constancy. Phil. 4: 6, 7.
 Right Thinking. Phil. 4: 8.
 The Bank of Heaven. Phil. 4: 19.
 God Is Able. 2 Cor. 9: 8.

PATIENCE.

Patience in running. Heb. 12: 1.
 Patience in waiting. Psa. 37: 7; 2 Thess. 3: 5.
 Patience in tribulation. Rom. 5: 3.
 Patience in faith. Jas. 1: 3.
 Patience in fruit bearing. Luke 8: 15.
 Patience in ministry. 2 Cor. 6: 4; 12: 12.

BIBLE EXAMPLES OF PATIENCE.

Job was patient. Jas. 5: 11.
 Abraham was patient. Heb. 6: 15.
 David was patient. Psa. 41.
 Paul was patient. 2 Tim. 3: 10.

PERSEVERANCE.

The only kind of character that tells, is that which has "stick-to-itiveness" in it. The young man or woman who truly succeeds in this day must persevere. Perseverance will do seemingly impossible things. Abbie C. Morrow relates how Geo. F. Pentecost went once into a large factory and saw hanging from the ceiling by a piece of strong wire a heavy bar of steel. At a distance was a string, hanging also from the ceiling with a small cork at the end of it. The foreman said, "I can take this cork and move that bar of steel with it." The doctor laughed. He did not believe the man. It looked impossible. He said, "If you can spare fifteen minutes I will show you." "Yes," said the doctor. The foreman took the cork in his fingers and drew it back and cast it at the bar of steel. It struck but seemed to make no impression. Again and again he threw it, always striking at the same place. At last there was the faintest motion. In ten minutes the bar was swaying to and fro. So, with the seeming insurmountable obstacles of life, they can be swept aside by the individual who perseveres. This is especially true of the one who has the help of God. Set your ideal high, live a holy life, push hard for victory, trust God implicitly and success is assured.

IRREVERENCE.

Many young people as well as old ones who attend our churches are falling into the habit of sitting bolt upright during prayer. This is very often true of those who call themselves Christians. To do this means a

very sad lack of reverence and is dangerous to the spiritual life of the individual, and is sure, sooner or later, to lead to utter apostasy. When prayer is being offered every Christian should bow the head or kneel and should engage in prayer for yourself or those about you. We have seen a whole congregation, with a few exceptions, sitting up straight watching the minister while he was praying, and seemingly from the side glances given there was not one in a hundred who had any thought of prayer.

Remember, if you call yourself a Christian it is as much your duty to engage in prayer as the minister's. To neglect to do so on every occasion where public prayer is made, will cause you to become indifferent and very often, I believe, is the devil's entering wedge, that will cause backsliding and perhaps the loss of the soul.

Let all the people pray.

A NOBLE PURPOSE.

“Daniel purposed in his heart.” Dan. 1: 8-20. That is the place where all good as well as bad purposes begin. The outward manifestations of sin are only the “actions” of the individual whose heart first conceived the badness. Daniel had a definite, reasonable purpose back of his conduct. He had counted the cost. He knew the odds that would be against him. Yet he steadfastly resolved to be true to his conscience and his God. Any young man with a like purpose in this day is sure of success. God will honor him, and even his enemies will praise him. Daniel had formed a habit of prayer, and nothing could change him. When the great crisis came he confidently

expected his God to deliver him, *and He did*. Many people pray only when they get in a "corner." If you would be strong for an emergency, and not show weakness and cowardice, keep "prayed up."

DIFFICULTIES IN THE WAY OF EVANGELIZING THE WORLD.

Jonah 1: 1-3; Matt. 23: 37, 38; Mal. 3: 8-10.

1.—The greatest hindrance to the spread of Christianity is the unfaithfulness of so-called Christians. The inconsistent life of one professor does more to injure the cause of Christ than a dozen saints can build up. A real Christian is a Christ-one or like Christ. "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus."—Phil. 2-5.

2.—A hindrance to the spread of the Gospel is a lack of consecration on the part of Christians. God would call many a preacher, teacher or missionary to help spread the "good news" if they were only all his property. Too many desire and have their own way, and the purpose of God for them is defeated. Entire consecration means the giving of "all of your all." Then one can joyfully cry, "Here am I, send me."

3.—God's cause suffers because His people do not give him their first fruits. Christian men and women have the money to evangelize the world. If Christians would only honor God with a tenth, the missionary treasuries would be full and millions could be reached who are now neglected.

4.—The spread of the Gospel is hindered because

the ministry is not urging believers to seek the pentecostal experience. The Church in general is living away beneath its privilege. Thousands who profess the name of Christ are weak, fearful, vacillating. They need the power and strength of pentecost. This experience brings stability, aggressiveness, purity, and a real relish for soul winning.

PERSONAL QUESTIONS.

Am I afraid of death? If so, why?
 Have I yet risen with Christ to newness of life?
 Is my name written in the Lamb's Book of Life, and
 do I know it?
 How can I make sure of eternal life?

ETERNITY.

With its hidden mysteries.
 With its changed relationships.
 With its never-ending agony or everlasting bliss.
 With its despairing groans never heard outside of
 hell, or its rhapsodies peculiar to heaven.
 With its hate, continual hate (there is no love in hell)
 or its love, peace and inexpressible joy (there is no hate
 in heaven.)

HELP SOMEBODY.

Stop talking about it, *do it*. Do not depend upon someone else to do what you ought to do yourself. If it is to read to an old lady, *do it*. If it is to send a bunch of flowers to that sick friend, *do it*. If it is to say a kind word to that poor, discouraged washer woman, *do it*. If it is to send flour and groceries to that poor family, *do it*. "A doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deeds."

SECRET PRAYER.

God has a good deal more to give His children than most of them are getting. If one would enjoy the riches of the skies, there must be a heart to heart talking with God. Every Christian should have a place of secret prayer. The reason why there are so many weak Christians is simply because there is not time enough taken to commune with the Father. Too much hurry, too much bustle, too much business, no time for prayer.

"Take time to be holy,
Speak oft with thy Lord."

It is said of Mr. Spurgeon that during his hour of secret devotion he would not permit even the Queen of England to interrupt him. He held this hour so sacred and important. Spurgeon met God face to face, he gained his great strength here. Reader, have a place to pray, have a time to pray. PRAY! and then live up to your prayers. Don't pray cream and then live skim milk.

GROWING IN GRACE.

2 Pet. 3: 17-18; 1 Pet. 2: 1-2; Eph. 4: 12-15.

Growth in grace, not "into" grace. There is quite a difference. Grace is life. There must be spiritual life before there can be spiritual growth. To grow in grace one must have grace to grow in. The sinner is "delivered from the power of darkness, and is translated into the Kingdom of Christ." This is regeneration. Regeneration is a splendid soil to grow in, but not the best. The carnal mind, the "flesh lusting against the Spirit," in the regenerate is an obstruction to rapid spiritual growth. Get the weeds all out, roots and all, if you want a beautiful, healthy flower garden. So with the weeds of sin springing up from the "remainder of iniquity." Get these out and you can have meekness, quietness, rest and holiness. Seek a pure heart if you desire rapid development. It ought to be evident to all, that one can grow a much better "crop" of religion out of pure soil than any other. Paul says, "Rooted and grounded in love." Love is the best soil. It holds when storms come, it lasts through summer as well as winter. Sanctification, perfect love, a pure heart, this is the experience that promises real growth. The Methodist hymnal in subdividing the hymns says, "Sanctification and growth." This is scriptural and should be emphasized. There are many spiritual dwarfs everywhere simply because they have not been led on to perfection.

SUGGESTIONS.

1. There can be neither life nor growth until the seed is planted. The soul must be born again before it can grow. Jno. 3: 7; 1 Pet. 1: 23.

2. Every seed brings forth its particular kind. Gen. 1: 12. The soul born of God brings forth a godly life. Jno. 3: 5-6; Matt. 7: 16-17; 2 Cor. 5: 17.

3. Conditions necessary for growth. (a) Death, Jno. 12: 24; (b) Moisture, Isa. 55: 10; Isa. 27: 3; (c) Sunlight, Deut. 33: 13-14; Mal. 4: 2; Psa. 97: 11; (d) Food, Acts 14: 17; Jno. 6: 35; 55-57; (e) Purification. If rapid growth and fruitfulness is desired, get rid of the bitter root of inbred sin, Deut. 29: 18; Jno. 15: 2.

4. Promises. Deut. 8: 7-10; Deut. 11: 10-12; Isa. 58: 11; Hos. 14: 5-7; Jer. 17: 7-8; Psa. 92: 12-14; 2 Cor. 9: 8.

 DEMAND A HIGHER STANDARD.

Girls should demand a higher standard of young men. It is a common sight to see young women from our best homes parading the street with young men who puff cigar smoke into their faces. In the first place a young man is not a gentleman in the truest sense of that word who will do it, and every young woman lowers her self-respect who permits it. Some girls even think it smart to see a young man tipsy. It is a great condescension on the part of pure girlhood to even recognize such a depraved moral state. Girls, raise the standard of moral-

ity among your gentlemen friends. You owe it to yourselves, you owe it to the young men, and the generations to follow. Demand that young men cease from filthy and evil habits, or else forfeit your company. This will bring many a careless young man to his senses, and perhaps save many from contamination and ruin. Girls, I say again, demand a higher standard.

GIVING; ITS LAW; ITS REFLEX INFLUENCE.

2 Cor. 8: 1-5; 9: 6-7. 1 Cor. 16: 1-2.

The Rev. Dr. Arthur T. Pierson points out "seven ways of giving."

- 1.—The careless way.
- 2.—The impulsive way.
- 3.—The lazy way.
- 4.—The self-denying way.
- 5.—The systematic way.
- 6.—The equal way.
- 7.—The heroic way.

Every Christian ought to consider the matter of giving very carefully. Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." If one is to get the real blessing out of this form of service, there ought to be fixed principles to which one will strictly adhere.

The Bible suggests ways of giving which will bring a blessing, enlarge usefulness and multiply resources.

1. Willingly. "If there be first a willing mind." 2 Cor. 8: 12.

2. Cheerfully. "God loveth a cheerful (hilarious) giver." 2 Cor. 9:7.
3. Systematically. "Upon the first day of the week." 1 Cor. 16:2.
4. Proportionately. "The tenth shall be holy unto the Lord." Lev. 27:32.

HINTS ON GIVING.

A good prayer to make. "O Lord how much of your money can I give." Not how little.

"As a man purposeth in his heart (not his head), so let him give."

Use some tact in giving. It would be useless to give a blind man an opera glass, or an armless man a pair of gloves.

Give the "first fruit" if you want full barns. Prov. 3:9-10.

If you would prosper both spiritually and temporally give a tenth of your income to the Lord.

Try an O. P. J. (Old Patriarch Jacob) account. Gen. 28:22.

GIVING A TENTH.

Miss Havergal says: "Though we place all our money at our Lord's disposal, and rejoice to spend it all for Him, directly or indirectly, yet I am certain it is a great help and safeguard, and what is more, a matter of simple obedience to His commands, to set aside a regular and definite proportion of our income or receipts

for His direct service. It is a great mistake to suppose that the law of giving the tenth to God is merely Levitical. Search and look for yourselves, and you will find that it is like the Sabbath, a far older rule, running all through the Bible, and indorsed, not abrogated, by Christ Himself."

Dr. A. J. Gordon says: "Who can say that we ought not to give at least one-tenth of our income to the Lord? If any Christian who has never tried it will make the experiment, conscientiously following it through to the end in prosperity and in adversity, we predict for him two surprises. First, he will be astonished at the increased amount which he is enabled by this method to give the Lord; and, secondly, he will be astonished at the increased spiritual and temporal prosperity which the Lord will give to him."

LOOKING FOR SUNSHINE.

A little pale-faced newsboy stood near a street corner one chilly day, drawing one foot up against the other to get a little warmth. He was crying his papers and seemingly not minding the cold rain that beat down upon him. A gentleman stepped up and purchased a paper, and while waiting for his change, remarked, "My boy, you look cold and uncomfortable." "Oh, this is nothing," said the boy, "the sun will shine directly." His unpleasant surroundings made no impression, because he was looking for sunshine. Hold on my friend,

if sorrows or clouds sweep across thy pathway, the sun will shine soon. Some one has beautifully written:

“The inner side of every cloud
Is bright and shining:
I therefore turn my clouds about
And always wear them inside out,
To show the lining.”

MUTILATING THE SCRIPTURES.

Comparatively few persons can quote the Scriptures correctly. Ministers as well as laymen are very careless here. We need more care in this matter. If we cannot know a large portion of the Bible, let us know a little and know that just as it is in the Book. Many persons who quote Scripture, very often spoil the entire sense of the verse by omitting a portion that should not be left out. I wish the young people who read this would make a point of learning the Scripture correctly. It will be of inestimable value in the days to come.

MISSIONARY ACTIVITY.

Acts 2: 41-47; 5: 14; 26: 15-21. Heb. 11: 36-38;
Rom. 13-14.

The greatest incentive to missionary “giving” and missionary “going” is the baptism with the Holy Ghost. Without this the treasures of the church are untouched, and the thousands, who are capable of going, remain at

home having no "passion" for the souls of men. Let the church seek and obtain the "purity" and "power" of pentecost and missionary funds will multiply until treasuries will run over, and thousands will cry with Isaiah, "Here am I, send me." Is it not a sad comment on the Christian church, with her millions of money and boasted philanthropy that we only contribute the paltry sum of five million dollars annually to instruct and save a thousand million heathen? And when we remember that much of this money only comes after the most persistent teasing and begging the picture is still sadder. A consecrated, fire-baptised church is a spontaneous, liberal, cheerful church. Selfishness, pride and all worldly mindedness are gone. God's holiness imparted, God's image stamped upon the soul, and thoughts concerning God, His holiness, the extension of His kingdom among men, predominant in the heart and life. Only pentecost, heart purity, entire sanctification will bring this about. God help the church to realize it.

SAD FACTS TO THINK ABOUT.

The women of America pay a great deal more for artificial flowers for their hats and bonnets, than the whole church of God gives for missions.

The men of America spend more in a year for tobacco than the whole church has spent in nineteen centuries to spread the Gospel.

Sinners spend more for whisky in forty-eight hours than all the churches give to missions in a year.

The needless use of buttons that women put on their kid gloves would double the missionary contributions.

MY PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY.

What am I doing?

Am I giving cheerfully?

Am I willing to go if the Lord should call?

Am I acquainted with missionary facts?

Am I able to support a native preacher?

If so, am I willing to do it?

There are many heathen at home, but say friend, are you really helping to save them?

AWAKE! AWAKE! to your personal responsibility.

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION.

If no one *gives* more than I, how long will it take to save the world?

If no one *prays* more than I, how long will it take to save the world?

If no one *works* more than I, how long will it take to save the world?

If no one has a desire to *go* more than I, how will the heathen hear the Gospel message?

If I am entirely indifferent, how shall I answer in the day of judgment?

THERE IS A VAST DIFFERENCE

Between being sorry for sin and being sorry you are "caught."

Between confessing your sins and confessing some other fellow's.

Between seeing your own faults and seeing some other person's.

Between conversion of the head and conversion of the heart.

Between being led by the Holy Spirit and led by your own imagination.

Between being persecuted for "righteousness' sake" and being persecuted for "foolishness' sake."

Between "contending for the faith" and striving for your own opinion.

Between preaching the Word and preaching some other man's opinion.

Between real testimony and making a speech.

Between a "heart" hallelujah and a manufactured one.

"OLD THINGS PASS AWAY."

In one of our meetings a bright, pretty young girl was deeply convicted for sin. She was able to yield every point except one. She had learned to dance. It was fascinating, it fairly entranced her. She did not want to give this up. Satan suggested "there was no harm in it." She struggled for several days, but could get no peace. It became a matter of heaven or hell, choosing the dance and losing her soul, or accepting Christ. The congregation had been dismissed, and she

alone still tarried at the altar. The struggle was desperate, her face bore the picture of despair. We gathered about her for the final battle with the powers of darkness. Christian faith and prayer prevailed. She lifted her face and cried, "I yield Lord, I give it all up. Oh, save me, save me now." The complete surrender brought the answer, the burden rolled away and God spoke peace to her heart. How her face did shine, how she praised God for the inexpressible peace that surged through her soul. It was a glorious triumph. The "one thing" that stood in her way had now become loathsome. "I just hate it," was her testimony. "Old things had passed away." The grace of God was so much better. And so I believe that a real good case of regenerating grace is a sure cure for all forms of worldliness.

SAMUEL'S CALL.

I Sam. 3: 1-21.

Children are more susceptible to spiritual truth than those of older years. Their tender hearts readily yield to the impressions of the Spirit. Parents make a serious mistake in restraining their children from becoming Christians. A child that is old enough to sin, is old enough to be saved. "It costs less to convert a child than to convict a criminal."

Thorough, intelligent work with children should be insisted upon. Treat them as children, but not as babies. We have seen many children from eight to twelve years

of age pungently convicted of their sins, and clearly converted. Insist upon the child knowing by the witness of the Spirit. "How do you know you are converted?" was asked of a little girl at the the altar. Quickly and with beaming face, she responded, "God has told me so." Let God speak to children as well as to those who are older.

Children understand more truth than we sometimes think. A splendid, intelligent little girl of eleven summers recently gave this clear testimony, "I know Jesus saves me, but I am not sanctified, but I am seeking and expect to be." This same child has already had a definite call to be a missionary, and no doubt her life will be thus dedicated to God's service. God convicts children and calls them just as he did Samuel. Be very careful not to hinder such a call.

A man past fifty years of age said to the writer, "I used to attend Sunday-school over yonder," pointing to a building across the street. "I was about eight or ten years of age. I was much impressed and felt that I ought to be a Christian. I went to my parents and told them I wanted to be a Christian and join the church, but they told me no, 'I was too young, there was plenty of time.' That conviction left me, and has never returned, and I have spent more than fifty years in sin."

Think of the fatal mistake these parents made. "Fifty years in sin," and all that means in its influence upon others. It might have been fifty years a Christian, lifting up Christ, as well as persuading many others to follow Him also.

ARROW POINTS.

Did you have a revival at your church? "Yes." How many joined? "It was not a revival of addition, but one of subtraction." Such a revival is needed in many churches.

"I was converted forty years ago and have just about held my own ever since." Problem: How much has he grown?

"I learned to smoke and chew after I was converted, and it has never done me any particular harm, and I think I am just as good a Christian as anybody." Query: Which way has he grown?

"I cannot subscribe to the rules in the discipline; they are too stringent. I think there is no harm in a game of cards, or a social dance in one's own parlor." Question: How far from actual apostasy is such a person? Compare 1 Jno. 2: 15-16 and Col. 3-17.

"I joined church twenty years ago, but have never taken any part in testimony or prayer, yet I feel all right." Inquiry: is such a person all right?

 PRAYER A NECESSITY.

Matt. 26: 36-46.

I.—Of course it is. One can no more sustain the physical life without eating than the spiritual life without praying. Prayer begets prayer. The more one prays, the more one delights to pray. We may eat too much, or take too much physical exercise, but one cannot pray too much. Many pray too little. Praying is

not usually overdone. There need be no fear of fanaticism at this point.

“Pray if thou can or canst not speak,
But pray in Jesus’ name.”

2.—The purpose of prayer. Prayer reveals to us the supernatural. It is the only means by which we come into contact with the Spirit of God. Prayer brings health to the soul, enlarges its capacity and makes it capable of digesting large quantities of spiritual food. Prayer induces intelligent co-operation between the suppliant and God. Prayer makes faith possible, and gives clear vision to the soul’s desire, or in other words prayer puts desire up in bundles and hands it up to God, in accordance with His never failing promise. God answers in blessing and the soul is enriched.

3.—The power of prayer. All the great soul winners of the world have been men and women of mighty prayer. Many of their names are familiar. John Knox prayed and all Scotland was moved. Richard Baxter stained the walls of his chamber with praying breath, and sent a thrill of revival throughout all Europe. Wesley prayed three hours a day and started a revival that has swept around the whole world. Jonathan Edwards prayed all night and then preached a sermon that kindled a revival in a thousand churches. Chas. G. Finney prayed almost constantly a whole week, and then gave his remarkable revival lectures that have been used of God to save a multitude of souls. Hooper Crews prayed all night, that his church at Springfield, Ill., might be revived, and God gave him 700 converts. A poor woman prayed a whole year for her church and God sent a revival that swept

hundreds into the Kingdom. In a camp meeting in Kansas within recent years, the spirit of prayer was predominant and God gave us 500 souls in ten days. Pray much if you would be a successful soul-winner.

SUGGESTIONS ABOUT PRAYER.

Kneel and pray before you leave your room in the morning.

Always have your own private prayer before retiring for the night.

A few moments of quiet meditation and prayer about the middle of the day will lighten the burdens of the afternoon.

Make a prayer list of six persons you would like to see saved or sanctified. Pray definitely for these every day.

Prayer is just as essential to spiritual development as rain and sunshine are necessary to the growth of a plant or flower. Cease to pray and you cease to grow.

Study James 5: 16, concerning the "fervent effectual" prayer, and Luke 11: 5-13 about the "importunate" prayer, and Mark 11: 24 for the all comprehensive prayer. Do you know by experience what it is to pray as indicated in these Scriptures?

SOUIRS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO CONSIDER.

Do you have a time for secret prayer? If not, why?

Are you reading your Bible with any degree of system?

Are you interested personally in the salvation of a single soul?

How much self-denial do you practice for Jesus' sake? Read Matt. 16: 24.

Could you lead a soul to Christ, do you know how? What would you say or do?

Are you patient at home with mother, sister or brother?

Do you ever think of remaining at home from service and permitting mother to go?

Perhaps she is out of the habit of going to church, do you ever ask her?

Are you striving to make the Young People's meeting helpful by your taking part in prayer and testimony?

Are your associates those who help to build you up in holy things? Or do they lead you to carelessness in speech and life?

Are you able to confidently and sweetly say "yes" to all these questions? If not, don't you think you ought?

JOY.

Christians exhibit too little joy. Too many look as though they had just attended the funeral of all their friends, and that the Lord was dead also. Is this because the heart is barren? Why not "stock up" with a good supply of heavenly sunshine? The supply is not nearly

exhausted. In fact there is enough to go around. Look it out of the eyes, speak it with the mouth. "Shout for joy all ye that are upright in heart."

ANNUAL REVIEW.

2 Cor. 13: Num. 1: 2, 3; Zech. 4: 6.

Retrospect is quite often advantageous, as it will help us to avoid in the future the things that might have obstructed our pathway in the past. It is blessed, however, to keep a clean record. No regret for the past. Each day's duties well done. At our best for God, whether in the counting room, kitchen or preaching the Gospel. However, personal examination, an inventory of stock on hand, will show us whether we have gained or lost. Self-examination should include:

1. Do I know I am saved? This is the most important consideration of all. To enjoy the witness of the Spirit to present salvation is absolutely essential as well as delightfully glorious. Anything short of this and the soul is in jeopardy. Some one might ask, what is the witness of the Spirit? In the language of Mr. Wesley, "The direct witness of the Spirit is an inward impression on the souls of the believers, whereby the Spirit of God directly testifies to their own spirits that they are the children of God." Daniel Steele says, "The voice of the Spirit within the believer is to all who know God the most real of all realities. It is sometimes called a seal which secures, authenticates and appropriates,"

2. Am I helping to save others? This very naturally follows if one would enjoy a good, clear case of salvation. Has the past year been one of fruitfulness? Have I influenced souls directly to seek God? These are important questions. The great harvest-field is ripe; comparatively, the laborers are few. Will not the Master hold me responsible for the loss of some fruit if I do not improve opportunity to thrust in my sickle?

“Count that day lost
Whose low descending sun,
Views at thy hand
No worthy action done.”

3. “Be perfect.” This is the stirring exhortation of the apostle. (2 Cor. 13: 11.) Shall I disregard it as of no consequence? Do the Scriptures speak in vain? It would seem so from the standpoint of many. The Scriptures not only urge perfection of heart, purity, holiness, but emphasize practical perfection, or perfection of works as well. (2 Tim. 3: 16-17.) Too many are far beneath the Scriptural standard. Let us believe the Word and meet its requirements. Then, and then only, are we safe.

REVIEW REFLECTIONS.

My words.
My thoughts.
My actions.
My associates.
My home life.
My school life.
My business life.

My spare time, how spent?
 My money, how used?
 My reading, what has it been?
 My soul, what have I done to grow in grace?
 My opportunities for doing good, have they been improved?

SET A HIGH STANDARD.

Young people should aim high. Too many are satisfied with ordinary attainments. Coarseness, vulgarity, rudeness, the blighting and ruining of characters are altogether too common. Thousands of young people have better stuff in them than this. Why not get your ideal up? Then put forth every effort to reach it. Make Christ the chief cornerstone of your life, then climb for the top. Strive to be the best Christian, the best in music, art, science, architecture, medicine or whatever is your chosen field of labor. Do not be satisfied with the ordinary, but push hard for the extraordinary. Climb, climb for the top.

PRACTICAL CONSECRATION.

Rom. 12: 1-21.

The word "consecration" is much abused, or else many do not understand its import. Surely one who makes a present of himself to God, is not ready to do so again within thirty days, unless the sacrifice placed

on the altar has been deliberately removed. If intelligent consecration is made, the contract is as binding between the individual and God as a marriage contract between two lovers. Think of two persons being married every year or every six months or every "convention period" when consecration services are usually held. The ringing exhortation of the Apostle is, "present your bodies" and "be ye transformed (transfigured) by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and PERFECT will of God." Then there is a "perfect will of God" for the individual believer to "prove." This must mean a perfect salvation, holiness—wholeness, soul-health, heart-purity, freedom from indwelling sin, entire sanctification. So, "practical consecration" means the utter abandonment of one's self to God on the part of the individual, and the Divine recognition by the witness of the Spirit that such a consecration is accepted. At the end of every genuine consecration, faith asserts itself and it becomes easy to believe "the blood cleanseth." Anything less than this and consecration is unsatisfactory, and must be very often repeated. Then "practical consecration" simply means the deliberate "act" of the individual that God may sanctify him wholly. Amen!

THOUGHTS ON CONSECRATION.

The believer consecrates, the sinner surrenders.

When Elijah's sacrifice was ready the fire fell.

A sacrifice without fire is unsatisfactory. Be sure you wait for the fire.

They tarried ten days at Pentecost, but “suddenly” the fire fell.

Making a present of yourself to God, is “your reasonable service.”

Entire consecration should be made with the word “forever” at the end of every struggle.

Are you willing to consecrate THE ALL OF YOUR ALL?

When you give your time and money to God remember that it belongs to Him. Do not use it as though it were yours.

God’s time should be spent in sacred service.

God’s money should be used to glorify Him.

CHRIST AND THE LIFE OF MAN.

“My life from His life;
His life for my life;
His life in my life;
My life for another’s life;
This life for eternal life.”

EFFECTS OF CONSECRATION.

Heart purity,
Soul rest.
Your will the will of God.
God’s will your will.
Consecration is concentration.
“Quietness and assurance forever.”

A perpetual Sabbath day in the soul.
It may storm on Sunday, but still it is Sunday.
To stay or go or be, at home or abroad, ALL FOR
JESUS.

NONE OF SELF AND ALL OF THEE.

Oh, the bitter pain and sorrow
That a time could ever be,
When I proudly said to Jesus
"All of self and none of thee."

Yet he found me, I beheld him,
Bleeding on the accursed tree
And my wistful heart said faintly
"Some of self and some of thee."

Day by day his tender mercy
Healing, helping full and free,
Bro't me lower, while I whispered,
"Less of self and more of thee."

Higher than the highest heavens,
Deeper than the deepest sea,
Lord thy love at last has conquered
"None of self and all of thee."

TRACT DISTRIBUTION.

Young people who read this should make a point of distributing tracts. Carry some with you and pass them out to friends, or while traveling hand them to your traveling companions, or put one or two in each letter you send off. One of our most spiritual bishops has practiced tract distribution for years, and very seldom if ever sends off a letter without putting in one or two tracts. A number of Methodist preachers riding on a train returning from conference were enjoying themselves with jokes and withal light conversation. A young Japanese student was riding on the same train. At every station he leaned out of the window and passed tracts to those standing on the railroad platform. He was not spending his time idly, but was interested in the salvation of souls and was preaching by this method as he went.

A preacher who told me this said it was a stinging rebuke to him to notice this foreigner (heathen) courageous enough to seek the souls of unsaved Americans, while a lot of preachers passed the time in light conversation.

Select your tracts carefully and use them liberally. Think of this and begin at once.

SOME MODERN MISSIONARY ACHIEVEMENTS.

Zech. 4: 6; 2 Chron. 16: 9; Ps. 118: 23; Matt. 21: 42.

The missionary achievements of the last fifty years have thrilled the world. Blot out the history of the progress of the Gospel and this old world would be dark indeed. Self-sacrifice, and utter abandonment to the whole will of God has characterized the thousands who have gone forth to bring light to them who sit in darkness. God has wonderfully blessed their labors, and only eternity will tell the good that has already been accomplished.

Wherever the Gospel has been preached the light of civilization has penetrated. The united testimony of authors, travelers, scientists, statesmen and pagans, concede the marvelous benefits of the missionary movements. After seeing the marvelous effects of the Gospel on the New Zealanders, Charles Darwin, the noted scientist, wrote: "The lesson of the missionary is the enchanter's wand."

Among the most conspicuous travelers who testify to the efficiency of missionary effort are David Livingstone, Henry M. Stanley, Julian Hawthorne, Miss Gordon Cummings and H. H. Johnson. Mr. Johnson writes, "Huge is the debt which philologists owe to the labors of the British missionaries." He declares that nearly "two hundred African languages and dialects have been illustrated by grammars, dictionaries, vocabularies and translations of the Bible." Many of the tourists back up their testimony with their money, and it is estimated

that foreign residents and tourists contribute not less than \$300,000 annually to missions in India. Carl Ritter, the "prince of geographers," declared that the conversion of the native New Zealanders is "the standing miracle of the age." Colonel Charles Denby, the United States Minister to China, a few years ago wrote: "Believe nobody when he sneers at the missionaries. The man is simply not posted on the work. The men or women who put in from 8 o'clock to 4 teaching Chinese children, on a salary that barely enables one to live, are heroes, or heroines, as truly as Grant or Sheridan, Nelson or Farragut. It is idle for any one to decry the missionaries or their work. I claim that it is difficult to say too much good of missionary work in China." Li Hung Chang chose as the private tutor for his sons, the Rev. Charles Teeny, an American missionary of Tientsin. He said of evangelical Christianity, "It is a good religion, and will be highly beneficial to the Chinese nation."

MISSIONARY THOUGHTS.

God reigns.

The Gospel shall be preached to all nations.

Pray more for the missionaries.

Give more to the cause of missions.

Read more missionary literature.

Go if God calls you, or send if He asks you.

Do you know anything about the splendid missionary effort now being carried on among the Jews of this country?

At the beginning of the sixteenth century the *Chris-*

tian population of the world was 100,000,000. At the beginning of the twentieth century it is 410,000,000.

The total number of communicants and adherents to Protestant foreign missions at the beginning of this century was 5,585,000.

VISITING THE SICK.

Young people can bring joy and gladness to many a tired heart, that has been shut in for weeks because of illness. Take along a bunch of flowers, sing a verse or two of some favorite hymn, or if you cannot sing, read from the Bible, or helpful selections from some good book. There are too few young people who practice "giving the cup of cold water." Such ministries are strengthening, enabling and uplifting. To do this sort of work will give you a new testimony, enlarge your sympathies for poor, suffering humanity. Try it, and receive the reward of Matt. 25: 40.

SOME BIBLE FIRSTS.

First the kingdom of God. Matt. 6: 33.

First gave their own selves to the Lord. 2 Cor. 8: 5.

First pure, then peaceable, gentle. Jas. 3: 17.

First (in me) Jesus Christ might show forth all long suffering. 1 Tim. 1: 16.

First a willing mind. It is accepted according to that a man hath. 2 Cor. 8: 12.

First of the first fruits of thy land thou shalt bring into the house of the Lord thy God. Exodus 23: 19.

First fruits (we) of His creatures. Jas. 1: 18.

First fruits unto God and the Lamb. Rev. 14: 4.

First and great commandment: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy mind. Matt. 22: 37.

THE PURPOSE OF HIS COMING.

Matt. 18: 11; John 10: 10.

In all the comments on this topic by the Epworth League writers, or those of the Christian Endeavor Society, there is hardly a hint that the purpose of Christ's coming was more than to save the world. I would not minify this aspect of His purpose, it is vitally important, but it is only a half Scriptural truth. Why not tell the young people in plain language "all" the purpose of His coming. "God so loved the *world*," etc., (John 3: 16) is true, but it is not all of the truth. "Christ also loved the *church*, and gave Himself for it; that He might sanctify it," (Eph. 5: 25-27) completes the real purpose of His coming. Then Christ came to do a "double work," not only to convert the world, but to sanctify the church. Both being Scriptural, I claim that one is just as important as the other. More, I assert that conversion is not the objective point in Scripture, but that sanctification is. This is the life "more abundant" in John 10: 10.

Why do not religious writers who ought to know better tell the whole truth? The people everywhere are kept in ignorance, while if the truth was emphasized

through the columns of the Epworth Herald, and the Christian Endeavor World, thousands of young people as well as many others whom these influential papers reach, would get their eyes open, seek and obtain holiness, and become spiritual giants. Will not God hold the editors and writers on these important themes responsible for covering up the truth and thus keeping thousands in ignorance who might be led into victorious Christian lives, who are now weak and vacillating? I believe He will, for some of these writers know better. Christ's heart-breaking prayer in the seventeenth chapter of St. John, is not for the world, but for "his disciples" that they might be sanctified, "that the world might believe that thou hast sent me." What is the real thought of Scripture? that God can save this world "only" through a holy church. Why not tell the whole truth then, let us have a holy church, "filled with the Holy Ghost"—power—(dynamite) and sinners will be reached in short order.

HINTS CONCERNING THE FOREGOING TOPIC.

Sin is "missing the mark."

"The way of the transgressor is hard."

"Lost" is a frightful word. LOST FOREVER, God pity the poor soul that makes that choice.

Christ has come, no soul need be lost. And still every man has the right of choice.

Every sinner trains with this crowd: Adulterers, fornicators, unclean, lascivious, idolators, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions,

heresies, envyings, murderers, drunkards, revelings and such like.

Those who accept Christ have love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. What is your choice?

The life "more abundant" spoken of in John 10: 10, is the experience of entire sanctification. Do you enjoy it?

The "glorious church" that Christ is to own has neither spot, nor wrinkle, nor any such thing; but is holy and without blemish. Do you belong to this church?

SUMMER SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

There are two books you ought to read during your Summer vacation. I refer to Andrew Murray's two great books on prayer. "With Christ in the School of Prayer" and "The Ministry of Intercession." You can purchase these from the publishers of this book.

Do not permit Satan to suggest any "let up" in your religious duties during the Summer months. Observe regular seasons of prayer and Bible reading if you would keep strong. "Study to show thyself approved unto God."

There are unusual temptations during the Summer. Excursions, quite often on the Sabbath day. Outings, fishing parties that take one away from home. The body relaxes and the tendency is to let down in the moral tone of our lives. Almost before one is aware there is frivolous conversation, lightness, compromise and some-

times wilful sin committed, and one comes back home physically recuperated, but morally weakened. "Watch and pray, lest ye enter into temptation."

If you must rest your body and this is necessary, especially after a year of hard toil, plan to feed your mind and stimulate your moral nature. If your mind needs rest do not let it become impaired by utter relaxation. A light stimulant in reading, the study of nature, or your traveling companions, will keep the mind fresh and more ready for active use.

Whatever you do, do not "loaf." This is fatal to soul, mind and body. Satan soon finds something for idle hands to do.

If you want to know something of the tremendous power of Satan in this world, read Bishop Merrill's little book, "The Crisis." It can be obtained of the Christian Witness Co.

Seek for Christian association. Spend a part of your time in Christian conversation. If possible, try to win some soul to God.

If you go away on a vacation take some good, religious tracts with you and hand them out to strangers. Do not let the Summer pass without some definite, personal work for God.

Whatever you do, **KEEP RELIGIOUS.** Do not allow anything to pierce your armor. Satan will do his best to hinder and defeat you. "But God is able to make **ALL** grace abound toward you; that ye, **ALWAYS** having **ALL** sufficiency in **ALL** things, may abound to **EVERY** good work."

HOW THE WEAK BECOME STRONG.

2 Cor. 9: 10; Isa. 41: 10; 58: 11.

There are a great many *weak* Christians. Paul found some at Corinth, "Babes in Christ, yet carnal." Carnality produces weakness. Quite often manifested in fear-slavish fear. One way to spell fear is COWARD. Cowardice is weakness, weakness is loss of strength, loss of strength is lifelessness, and lifelessness means death. It is not far from one end of this catalogue to the other. The fundamental of real Christian strength is to have the "old man" crucified. Destroy the cause of weakness and there will usually be spiritual strength and health. Holiness is only another name for soul health. Sin in the soul is like fever in the blood, it indicates an unhealthy condition. The "Great Physician" is able to cope with the disease. He has been able to cure all who have willingly and cheerfully submitted their case to Him.

Another means of strength is to *use* what God gives you. God does not waste grace upon any one. If you would have strength you must give out to others. Venture to begin now. The duty may be humble, but *trying* will invigorate and strengthen. "For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it." Matt. 16: 25. An old teacher says, that the first law of eloquence is action, the second law, action, and the third law, action. This applies to soul growth.

Another means of strength is intensity. Do what you do with all your might. Do your best whether the undertaking is great or small. Dr. Keen said he "let

out the last link every time." Prepare, concentrate, push and bring something to pass for Jesus' sake.

Prayer and meditation bring soul strength. Most Christians do not pray enough, and many cannot concentrate their mind for meditation. Secret prayer and public prayer is a means of strength. If the mind has become dissipated by "wandering thoughts" it will be difficult at first to concentrate for meditation. But a little careful practice will overcome almost any difficulty. Read Phil. 4: 8.

Bible reading, not Bible "skimming," will help to make one strong. Have a system and follow it. Study the twentieth Psalm for strength. Know what you do know well. Remember that "ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you," and that Paul declares that we are to be "strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man."

HINTS.

"I am serving the Lord in my poor, weak way." It's no wonder you are having a hard time.

"I never could do much, I have always been so afraid." "Perfect love casteth out fear."

The eulogy of a country sexton over a dead deacon. "This corpse joined the church forty years ago."

"My mother and grandmother before me were unusually timid, and I think it must be hereditary with me." The Lord bless you, sister, your family relations in this respect are legion. Have you ever tried the

“Double Cure,” it hardly ever fails to relieve an excessive case of timidity.

“I want more power.” Perhaps a good case of “entire sanctification” would relieve your distress.

MISSION GIVING.

Young people should give, and give systematically to the great cause of missions. There are scores of church members who consider the matter of missions of so little importance that they think they are quite liberal if they contribute 25 cents annually. Thousands do not give anything. The work at home and abroad is of the utmost importance. This is now especially true in foreign fields, where thousands are crying out for the “living bread.” Shall these poor, benighted, Christless souls cry in vain? Others are in school, and must be turned away unless there is immediate help. Many of these have no parents, and must be turned out upon a merciless world to suffer untold agony and shame a thousand times worse than death. Awake! AWAKE! my young friends, and put aside some money for this extremely needful cause. Ask your pastor, or write to Dr. A. B. Leonard, or Bishop J. M. Thoburn, 150 Fifth avenue, New York, for information.

SIX THINGS GOD WILL DO.

Ezek. 34: 11-15.

1. "I will both search my sheep and seek them out." Luke 19: 10; Jno. 15: 16.
2. "I will deliver them." Complete. Matt. 1: 21; 1 Thess. 1: 10; Gal. 1: 4; Luke 1: 74, 75.
3. "I will bring them out from the people." Separateness. 2 Cor. 6: 14-18; Rom. 12: 1-2.
4. "Will bring them to their own land." Gen. 17: 1-8; Gal. 3: 29.
5. "I will feed them in good pasture." Satisfaction. Jer. 31: 14; Ps. 107: 9; Ps. 36: 8; Prov. 19: 23.
6. "I will cause them to lie down." Soul rest. Matt. 11: 28-30; Heb. 4-6; Ps. 23.

YOUNG WOMEN, BIG HATS, AND HOLINESS.

Common sense in dress, as in other things, is needful in this day. I would not deprive any of my girl readers of their good looks, but would rather add to than take from. But a few of our really religious girls, who have sought and obtained the experience of holiness, are in danger of becoming top-heavy. The enormous hats they wear are unbecoming, unwieldy and very grossly advertise the pride of the world. Girls, there is imminent danger here. Pride is a form of sin that sits upon the throne of many a heart. In the ordinary church where the congregation is made up largely of Christians, if one was to judge by the headgear, with few exceptions, you cannot tell a Christian from a harlot. I would not have any

one go to the other extreme, and look like a "walking coffin," but I believe there is a sensible, neat, tidy way to dress as becometh saints.

Many a church member is on the edge of a precipice here, and some, I am afraid, are already over. Pride has become the root sin to final and utter apostasy. My girl friends, beware!!

WHY TOTAL ABSTINENCE IS BEST.

Rom. 14: 13-23.

The only safe place for any young person is to be absolutely temperate.

Alcohol in any form such as beer, light wines, champagne or whiskey is vitally injurious to body, mind and soul. Thousands who have said they could taste it or let it alone have gone down to utter defeat. Many a young man starting out with a bright prospect of a successful future, took his first glass of wine from the fair hand of a winsome, thoughtless girl in her mother's parlor, and in less than one year staggered across the threshold of his own mother's home for the first time, drunk. Such a sight is enough to make angels weep. Follow this young man and soon his mind is blurred, a bestial look takes the place of the once happy expression on his face, sin rules him, habit has conquered, friends forsake him, he becomes a companion of the low and vile, dies long before his time, and goes down to a drunkard's hell. Trace his speedy career—a glass of wine from the hand of a fair young lady down to hell. Girls, whatever

you do, do not tempt a young man to drink. And in this connection let me urge my girl readers to demand total abstinence of their gentlemen friends. This sort of standard will help and save many a young man. If girls would be firm here it would do a vast amount of good. Oh, the wrecked homes and broken hearted wives where girls have married tippling young men with the hope of reforming them after marriage. Hopeless task! fatal blunder! For the sake of everything that is sacred, avoid it. "Touch not, taste not, handle not," and you will be safe from this deadly serpent.

SUGGESTIONS.

Total abstinence is best from a

Sanitary standpoint.

Scientific standpoint.

Social standpoint.

Monetary standpoint.

Mental standpoint.

Moral standpoint.

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS.

How many saloons in your town?

Watch the saloons some Saturday night and count the men who go in.

Note how many of these appear to be less than 30 years of age.

The internal revenue reports say the saloons of this country take in an average of \$15 per day. At this rate

WITH CHRIST.

The soul is

Happy.
Contented.
Joyous.
Peaceful.
Restful.
Prayerful.
Saved.

BE COURTEOUS.

It pays at all times to be courteous. One may not feel just like it, the circumstances may not always warrant an effort, but in the end it will pay to act the gentleman. The Rev. Charles F. English tells of a young lawyer of brilliant prospects, who located in a Western town, and began the practice of his profession. One day soon after he had opened his law office, he was riding on the street cars, when an influential business man noticed him, and thinking to introduce himself and encourage the young man, he moved across to the other side of the car, by the side of the young lawyer, and said, "And what is your name?" "My name is mud," answered the young man curtly. "Oh," said the other, "excuse me for interrupting you." The years went by and the young lawyer was successful, and finally aspired to a certain political office of prominence. The politicians said to him, "If you can secure the votes of the

men working in——mine you are sure of election.” He visited the mine, asked for the superintendent, who soon came into his presence. With much dignity the young lawyer said, “My name is——.” “Ah,” said the mine superintendent, “when did you change your name?” “Change my name?” replied the political aspirant, “I have not changed my name.” “Oh, yes you have, for you told me on the street car a few years ago that your name was mud.” “Oh, ah! I know—that was only a joke; have a cigar.” “No,” said the superintendent harshly, “your name is mud at this mine for any favor whatever.” The election came off, and the young lawyer was defeated by just seventeen votes, and these votes were cast by men at the mine.

Again, I say it pays to be courteous, to act the gentleman anywhere—everywhere.

FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION.

Is Christ a transient visitor or an abiding guest?

Am I more like Christ today than ever before?

“If Christ dwells in us, we shall be in no doubt of it; neither will other people.”

Do I reflect the Christ-character in my home life?

Are you lonely? Think of Christ’s omnipresence, and be lonely no more.

SOME "DON'TS."

Don't worry.

Don't fret.

Don't grumble.

Don't growl.

Don't complain.

Don't find fault.

Don't talk about your neighbors.

Don't neglect the means of grace.

Don't forget your secret prayer.

Don't jeopardize your soul for any reason whatever.

HINDRANCES TO THE EVANGELIZATION OF
THE WORLD.

A card-playing, theatre-going, and dancing church.

The frightful complicity of church members in permitting the liquor traffic to live.

A time-serving, salary-seeking ministry.

A ministry that opposes Bible holiness.

A ministry who fail to preach regeneration for the sinner and entire sanctification for the believer.

Colleges that retain men in important "chairs" whose orthodoxy is questionable.

Lack of entire consecration on the part of thousands of church members.

Lack of interest in the great cause of missions.

BEGINNINGS.

Always begin the day with prayer. Pray before you leave your bedroom, if possible. Always have your own prayer in secret. Then a holiness text book is good to have near at hand. You can soon commit a verse of Scripture that you can carry with you throughout the day. Learn the Scripture just as it is in the Bible. Thus beginning the day by communion with God, by meditating upon His Word will make you strong to meet the severest tests of life.

Begin to look for opportunities to do good. Begin to plan that you may win some unsaved friend to Christ. Begin to expect results from your Christian life and service. The world needs "beginners who begin." Begin today, do not put it off until tomorrow.

THE PROGRAM OF CHRISTIANITY.

Matt. 4-23; 10: 7, 8.

PART I.

A peculiarly dressed individual, with shaggy hair, bronzed cheek, keen, penetrating look, wild waving of hands, stentorian voice, shouting to a multitude of people who have gathered from Jerusalem, Judea and the region round to hear this strange preacher. His boldness, fearlessness and deep spirituality stamp him as a unique and powerful character. His main theme is "repentance." His burning words strike terror to the multitude of sinful

men and women who hear him. Soon there are sobs and crying, with a deep sense of sinfulness as the great preacher warns them to flee from the wrath to come and to "believe on him who should come after him." Hundreds forsake their sins, believe and are baptized. Who is this marvelous preacher? his name is John. He is preparing the way, the forerunner of the one who is "mightier." Who shall baptize with the Holy Ghost and fire.

PART II.

The little city Bethlehem is crowded with people. Every available place of entertainment is occupied. But yonder comes a man and woman. They have the appearance of ordinary peasants. They look worn and tired. The woman has an attractive face—it is handsome. Deep blue eyes, soft flushed cheek. Gentleness marks every line of her countenance. She is no ordinary personage. But she looks weary, and of necessity must soon find rest. The Inns are all full, there are no kind friends to bestow hospitality, and as a last resort they make their way to the stable, where the camels and mules are munching the dried grass provided for their food. Perhaps a bed can be made of this, which is better than sitting in some doorway, or straggling about the street. A heavenly light seems to gather about the manger in which they lie. A lone star of extraordinary brilliancy stands directly over the place, and shepherds watching the sheep on the hillside hear music too sacred for earth. As these unnatural phenomena are occurring the woman is awakened, and tired nature yields to pain and travail, and "unto you is born

this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Hallelujah! "And thou shalt call his name Jesus, for he shall save his people from their sins."

PART III.

Thirty-three years have passed. The child born amidst such humble surroundings has grown to manhood. Many of these years have been truly wonderful, especially the last three. No pen can describe them. The words of comfort, the healing the sick and raising the dead. Sins forgiven and the joy that only Christ can impart poured into many lives. His friends are legion, but some stand near to his heart. They have been close to him these three years. No wonder when the shadows of the cross fall athwart their pathway, and their loving friend and *yours*, must be nailed to the rugged tree that hearts almost break. It must be so, the cross must become the emblem of deliverance.

“And there he died,
A King crucified,
To save a poor sinner like me.”

PART IV.

Neither death nor the grave could hold their victim. He looks upon his friends again. Their hearts burn within them. They do not understand, but His comforting words bring cheer. "If I go away I will send the Comforter." You need not be lonely, "Tarry at Jerusalem

until you are endued with power from on high." They follow him out to Bethany's knoll, he puts his hands upon them in blessing, and a luminous cloud stoops down and takes him out of their sight. What a life! What a triumph! A crucified, a resurrected, a risen Saviour, Glory!

They tarry ten days, and the promised Comforter comes. One hundred and twenty "are all filled with the Holy Ghost." They get "pure hearts." Fire from heaven is both upon them and in them. The Church is established to be a flame of fire, to point sinful men to the "Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world."

PRACTICAL APPLICATION.

This world is the theatre.

Every inhabitant is an actor, and each must play his part. The acting can be degrading, indifferent or commendable.

If we follow the leader, Jesus Christ, in thought and life, we are assured of proficiency and a final reward. This, then, is Christianity's program.

1. To call men to repentance.
2. To walk with Christ in godly living.
3. To "tarry" until each has his pentecost.
4. To conquer sin, death and the grave.
5. To ascend triumphant and be forever with the Lord.

PERFECT LOVE

Does not drive.
 Does not Maul.
 Does not complain.
 Does not scold.
 Does not grow impatient.
 Is not gruff.
 Is not censorious.
 Is not inhospitable.
 Is not fault finding.
 Is not continually berating holiness people.

“-OLOGY.”

Young people should become proficient in—

Knee-ology.
 Bible-ology.
 Altar-ology.
 Bench-ology.
 Straw-ology.
 Prayer-ology.
 Praise-ology.

 THE CALL TO SEPARATION.

2 Cor. 6: 14-18; 1 John 2: 15-17.

This topic is timely. I wish that it might be especially emphasized everywhere. Perhaps the greatest danger to the Christian Church today is its compromise with worldliness. In fact, there is but little premium, any more, put upon church membership, but real character

is above par. One can no more be a Christian, in the true Bible sense, and do un-Christian deeds, than he could steal and not be a thief. God's people must be a separate people. Christ came to save us from our sins, not in them, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." This being true, the one who ceases to follow after the Spirit will immediately feel condemnation, and condemnation as indicated here is surely a loss of justification. If we follow after the Spirit he will lead us, not into a questionable place, where the soul's eternal interest might be endangered, but into more light, and a desire to be Christ-like. "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me." Think of a Christian being yoked to Jesus, and then trying to pull him into a theatre, dance hall, or around a progressive euchre card table. Christ never did, and never will enter into such sinful practices, and you, my dear reader, if you pursue any form of worldliness, will surely "break yoke" with Jesus. One cannot be both a sinner and a Christian. We are either on the side of Christ, and serving him, or on the side of the devil and serving him. Where do you stand?

WHY A CHRISTIAN SHOULD BE SEPARATE FROM THE WORLD.

- It is commanded by the Word of God.
- Belial and Christ have no companionship.
- All forms of worldliness weaken Christian character.
- Worldliness destroys the appetite for prayer.
- Worldliness is a hindrance to thoughtful meditation.
- Worldliness keeps one from Bible study.
- To follow Christ means self-denial.
- To follow the world means selfish gratification.

A WORLDLY CHURCH MEMBER.

Stands in the way of sinners.

Brings the name of Christ into reproach.

Makes the Christian Church a laughing stock.

Frustrates the efforts of true Christian workers in their endeavor to save others.

Will go down at last to hell with all other sinners.

A CHRISTIAN MUST BE CLEAN.

From all filthiness of the flesh and spirit. 2 Cor. 7: 1.

Body the temple of the Holy Ghost. 1 Cor. 6: 19-20.

Temple of God. 1 Cor. 3: 16-17.

Separateness. 2 Cor. 6: 17-18.

Friendship of the world is enmity with God. Jas. 4: 4.

Love not the world. 1 John 2: 15, 16.

Not to please men. Gal. 1: 10.

Cannot serve two masters. Matt. 6: 24.

Abstain from all appearances of evil. 1 Thess. 5: 22.

"UNEQUALLY YOKED TOGETHER."

How any pure-minded Christian young woman can consent to unite herself in marriage to an unsaved, tobacco chewing, whiskey drinking young man; or how a nice, clean, manly Christian young man, can select as a companion through life a giddy, frivolous, worldly young woman, is a mystery too much for me. I am convinced that such unions are unscriptural, result in much unhappiness, very often divorce, and generally jeopardize the souls of both parties.

I wish I might warn my young readers who contem-

plate such a hazardous undertaking. Better live a few years in single blessedness, than make shipwreck of life by an unfortunate union. I think there are more girls in danger here than young men. If girls would demand a higher standard of character of their young men friends, it would straighten up many a careless fellow. To do this takes grit, grace and gumption. A splendid young lady told the writer of her engagement to a young man, to all appearances, very respectable. A hint came to her that years before he had been unclean. She asked him about it, he said it was true. She immediately broke the engagement. She was a pure girl, and demanded the same from the one she should marry. Girls, do not marry a worldly young man, for in so doing you endanger your future happiness, consent to be "unequally yoked together," and, as a result, you might lose your soul.

YOUNG MEN WHO USE TOBACCO.

Young men who use this vile stuff seem to be on the increase. Many who call themselves Christians are addicted to the habit. It is estimated that \$800,000,000 is spent for tobacco each year in this country alone. This is frightful, indeed. Is it not time that the ministry and all good Christians were crying out against this evil. This awful waste is surely a very great sin in the sight of God. Young men who use the weed should desist at once before the habit has fastened itself upon the life. This habit does not stop with the individual user, but is passed from generation to generation. The hereditary influence is quite often detrimental, and children are cursed before they are born by tobacco-using parents.

If any of my readers should find this habit already formed, cry to God at once, and he will take out the appetite and set you free. Tobacco

Is useless ;

Is filthy ;

Is detrimental to good health ;

Prevents the highest mental, physical or moral state ;

And usually leads to other grosser sins.

A SUGGESTION IN ADDITION.

2 Pet. 1 : 4-9.

First, "Partakers of the divine nature." Or, in other words, laying a sure foundation: This begins in our regeneration, and is complete with our entire sanctification. No heart is "wholly" pure as long as there is any sin in it. Hence, to be "saved from all sin" we must know Jesus as a Saviour, and the Holy Spirit as our Sanctifier. The heart is then "rooted and grounded in love." Love is the very best soil out of which to grow a Christian experience. To sustain such an experience we must "give all diligence." This is a very strong expression, and means great earnestness, continued activity. There is no such person as a lazy Christian. Laziness is next to devilishness. If Christianity means anything, it means earnestness at white heat. Faith is the link that unites the heart with God, both in the inception of grace and its continuance. "Without faith it is impossible to please him." Then follow seven beautiful Christian graces that go to make up a symmetrically developed

Christian manhood. To be void of any one of these is a "rung broken in the ladder." Note them carefully:

Virtue.

Knowledge.

Temperance.

Patience.

Godliness.

Brotherly kindness.

Charity (Love).

Seven is the perfect number used throughout the Bible, so if one is to have a perfect Christian experience, these graces are absolutely necessary, with no single one lacking. "For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."

BIBLE MEANING OF THE SEVEN GRACES.

The following from Adam Clarke is suggestive:

Virtue—Courage or fortitude, the energy to be used in the Christian calling.

Knowledge—True wisdom by which your faith will be increased and your courage directed and preserved from degeneration into rashness.

Temperance—(self-control)—Keeping every sense under proper restraint, and never permitting the animal part to subjugate the rational.

Patience—Bearing all trials and difficulties with an even mind, enduring in all, and persevering through all.

Godliness—Piety toward God; a deep, reverential, religious fear; not only worshiping God with every be-

coming outward act, but adoring, loving and magnifying him in the heart; a disposition indispensable to salvation.

Brotherly Kindness—The strongest attachment to Christ's flock; feeling each as a member of your own body.

Charity—Love to the whole human race, even to your persecutors.

MORE PRAYER.

Many are not getting from the Father what he has to give, because they do not pray enough. Prayer unlocks the rich store-houses of the skies. The reason why much of the ministry is barren today is a substitution of book knowledge—too much time spent in reading, and not enough in praying. One sermon given by the Holy Ghost is worth a whole ton of "gotten up" sermons by the minister. Any man or woman who prays can live a holy life and bring things to pass. James says that there is a "prayer of faith," but how few know anything about it. In a recent meeting, where the storm drove us in from the tent, the writer gave a Bible reading, emphasizing the "prayer of faith." There were but a few present, but in the company was one woman who determined she would persevere in prayer until she had the answer in advance that souls would be saved in the tent meeting just beginning. God heard her, and gave her the "rest" of faith. She said she reached the place as if there was nothing else to pray about. She told the writer, and he immediately felt that simply by going ahead, the victory was sure. God gave us a wonderful sweep, and one hundred and fifty souls sought the Lord in fifteen days, and many

of these were gloriously delivered from sin. Hallelujah! All the great soul winners have been men and women of mighty prayer, continuing hours and days at a time. If you would really get anything good and great from God, you must wear some blisters on your knees. Will not the young friends who read this, resolve to pray more, and begin at once?

NEGLECTED FIELDS.

The rich.

The very poor.

The firemen of our cities and towns.

The policemen who guard our property.

The old soldiers.

The saloon-keepers' children.

MORE WORKERS ARE NEEDED

To visit jails and prisons.

Pray with the sick and dying in hospitals.

Carry cheer to those in infirmaries.

Talk Christ to the old soldiers, who are shut up in the Soldiers' Home.

To carry flowers to the Old Ladies' Home.

STRICTLY PERSONAL.

The butcher.

The baker.

The milkman.

The gas man.

The grocer.

The lawyer.

The doctor.
 The insurance man.
 Your loved ones.
 Your neighbor.
 That family across the street.

Have you said anything to these about their souls,
 and Christ's power to save?

“Let none hear you idly saying,
 ‘There is nothing I can do,’
 While the souls of men are dying,
 And the Master calls for you.
 Take the task he gives you gladly;
 Let His work your pleasure be;
 Answer quickly when He calleth;
 ‘Here am I, send me, send me.’ ”

WHAT GOD USES.

I Cor. I : 27.

Foolish things.
 Weak things.
 Base things.
 Despised things.
 “Are not” things.

“ABLE”.

Able to deliver. Dan. 3 : 17; 6 : 20.
 Able to hold. John 10 : 29.
 Able to subdue all things. Phil. 3 : 21.
 Able to succor. Heb. 2 : 18.
 Able to save to the uttermost. Heb. 7 : 25.
 Able to keep from falling. Jude 24.

FREEDOM FOR SERVICE.

2 Tim. 2 : 4 ; Gal. 5 : 1 ; Heb. 12 : 1-2.

Freedom from what? The greatest freedom that any person can enjoy in this life is freedom from sin. Thousands do not believe that this is possible, but make an excuse for committing sin. What does the Word say? Thou shalt call his name Jesus for he shall save his people from their sins.—Matt. 1 : 21.

Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world.—John 1 : 29. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.—1 John 2 : 8.

Here is freedom indeed. Freedom from sins committed and freedom from sin inherited. Christ's proficiency and sufficiency. No heart need struggle with inward foes. Thank God the "old man" of sin can be crucified. This is the freedom required in the New Testament, and then follows service. A clear case of justification sustained, will be sure sooner or later to lead to a definite case of sanctification. "Sanctified and meet for the Master's use, and prepared unto every good work.—2 Tim. 2 : 21.

To purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.—Titus 2 : 14.

Please note that work—service, follow purity—sanctification. This is the divine order, and every one should know it. O, that every church member who reads these lines would seek and obtain a clean heart. God will have a clean church. A clean church is a powerful church. Here then is the order.

Regeneration, freedom from sins committed—the en-

tanglement of the world. Entire sanctification, freedom from original sin, the besetting sin, perfect liberty in Christ Jesus, and ready for service or sacrifice.

WHERE SATAN S OWNS HIS SEED.

The dance hall.

The fashionable parlor dance.

The card table.

The progressive euchre party.

The theater.

The church theatrical performance.

The circus.

The horse race at the county fair.

So-called Christians who indulge in any of these things are usually devoid of spiritual power, have no appetite for prayer or Bible reading, and cannot be depended upon by the pastor for revival work.

“Live,
Vile, and
Evil

Have the selfsame letters :

He lives

But vile

Whom evil holds in fetters.”

A SUFFICIENT PLAN.

It is God-given. It therefore cannot be improved upon. It meets every human need. It satisfies every human desire. It fills the longing of the soul. Why not accept it just as it is. The mighty, gigantic plan of salvation, provided by the Father, purchased by the Son,

and applied by the Holy Ghost, is all comprehensive, all sufficient and all enduring. Hallelujah! "It just suits me." College professors, doctors of depravity, psychologists, philosophers, theologians and all others who are offering substitutes or trying to improve on God's plan had better stop deceiving innocent souls, seek and obtain a clean heart and go to preaching the "everlasting Gospel" to a dying world, for the old Gospel is still the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. God knows how to save this world. Let's work to God's plan.

COMMUNION AND TRANSFORMATION.

Exod. 34 : 35-39 ; Luke 9 : 28, 29.

Communion with God, a frail finite being of flesh and blood talking with the great God of ten thousand million worlds. We may not be able to explain the divine philosophy, but it is true nevertheless. God's children do talk with him, and he with them. And they understand each other, too. "He calleth his own sheep by name * * * and the sheep follow him : for they know his voice."

1. Communion with God brings strength. Secret prayer is a sure cure for moral weakness. It will make you strong to bear the burdens of the day, whether at home or in business. It will make you strong to do your Christian duty even among ungodly companions. It will keep you from worldly entanglement, or any compromise with evil. It will rid you of cowardice, which is a form of much spiritual weakness. It will give you a grip on eternal verities that is not easy to slip. "A little talk with

Jesus makes it right, all right;" but a constant talk with Jesus makes it "righter" and "brighter."

2. Communion with God gives a "fixedness" of heart. That means established or a resolute, unswerving determination to be true at all hazards. This is what is greatly needed. Many Christians "fizzle" out when a real test comes. Communion with God gives moral courage and backbone. Keeping "prayed up" will defeat the enemy in an emergency. We need a whole host of young men and women who can say "NO" and mean it, to all the devil's flatteries and intrigues. Heart to heart talks with Jesus make this possible.

3. Communion with God makes the Christian life one of real joy. Joy is heavenly sunlight "boxed up" in the heart. It makes the senses of the soul jingle and tingle. Take the lid off and it expresses itself in a glad shout of Glory! or Hallelujah! Of course the face shines because there is shine on the inside. Put enough fire in any black stove and it will soon shine through. This sorrowing, sin-sick old world needs whole brigades of joyful Christians. Much prayer will make a hot heart, a shiny face and a joyful life.

HINDRANCES TO COMMUNION WITH GOD.

Light, frivolous talking and jesting.

Novel reading and much that in this day is called fiction.

Sunday excursions.

Sunday visiting.

Sunday buggy riding simply for pleasure.

Neglect of the means of grace

Neglect of Bible reading.
 Neglect of family prayer.
 Loafing in stores and around street corners.

“PRAY.”

Pray at home.
 Pray on the street.
 Pray in your office.
 Pray in the store.
 Pray in the school room.
 Pray in the morning.
 Pray at noon.
 Pray at night.
 If necessary drive yourself to prayer.
 “Pray without ceasing.”

AT THE FEET OF JESUS.

The place of pardon.—Luke 7: 38.
 The place of healing.—Matt. 15: 30.
 The place of learning.—Luke 10: 39; Deut. 33: 3.
 The place of (successful) prayer.—Mark 5: 22; 7: 25.
 The place of thanksgiving.—Luke 17: 16.
 The place of worship.—Rev. 1: 17.
 The place of comfort.—John 11: 32.
 The place of rest.—Luke 8: 35.

WHEN YOU HAVE CROSSED JORDAN.

Beware of idolatry.—Deut. 4: 15-24.
 Destroy the Lord's enemies.—Deut. 25: 19.
 Love the Lord, obey his voice, cleave unto him, for
 he is thy life.—Deut. 30: 20.

Beware lest thine heart be lifted up and thou forget the Lord thy God.—Deut. 8: 11-14.

Honor and obey God's word.—Deut. 6: 1, 2.

Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers.—Deut. 7: 1-3.

Take heed to yourself, that your heart be not deceived, etc.—Deut. 11: 16.

Be upright, just and honest.—Deut. 19: 14-21.

Exercise brotherly kindness and charity.—Deut. 15: 7, 8.

Keep the feasts of the Lord.—Deut. 16: 6, 9, 13; with 1 Cor. 5: 8.

Give the first fruits to God and testify.—Deut. 26: 1, 2.

FACTORS NECESSARY TO THE EVANGELIZATION OF THE WORLD IN THIS GENERATION.

Isa. 40: 29-31; Acts 1: 4-8; Luke 10: 2; Prov. 29: 18.

The principal factor necessary to evangelize the world in this generation or any other, is a wholly sanctified ministry. It is conceded by all that the preacher holds the key to the situation. For fourteen years the writer sat in the pew a careful, attentive listener, and for eight years he has stood in the pulpit, preaching the unsearchable riches of Christ. With this experience I am convinced that the greatest need of the Christian church to-day is a ministry "filled with the Holy Ghost and fire." Anything short of this and the minister is not at his best. He cannot keep from "wabbling." He lacks moral back-

bone. He is in danger of officialism, or from popularity or the opinions of people. He is in great danger of having enlargement of the head rather than enlargement of the heart. He does not have victory in his own home before wife and children. Defeat here simply means defeat in the pulpit. He may put on polish, manners, and display an abundance of intellectuality, but that "prone-to-wander heart," is a constant reproof to his best efforts. To preach the gospel effectively, "with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven," one must live EXACTLY RIGHT, INSIDE AND OUTSIDE, ALL THE TIME. This is almost, if not altogether, utterly impossible with an experience less than a wholly sanctified heart. I presume there are hundreds of ministers who once enjoyed this as an actual experience, who have let it slip, and I fear that the awful spiritual dearth in many churches is largely due to a back-slidden ministry. Come, my precious brethren, own up, you know I am telling the truth. Let the ministry seek and obtain the blessing of entire sanctification, and keep it, and then preach it to the church so that others are made hungry and find it too, and there will be the greatest spiritual revolution the world has ever known. Such preaching will not cause a division in the church, but the white light of full salvation will surely reveal the division that already exists. Holiness never divides the church, for it has never divided heaven, and that is all they have up there. Holiness solidifies, purifies, and drives out the world, the flesh and the devil. This is the sort of a revival that is needed, one of subtraction rather than addition. God can take a Gideon's band who are just right and save a world.

A wholly sanctified minister has a passion for souls, both at home and abroad. His chief business is not to

lecture, display his oratory or learning, but with might and main to get men saved from sin. Such effort is not long in kindling the same fire in the hearts of others.

A wholly sanctified ministry is a successful ministry from every legitimate standpoint. Mr. Wesley exhorted his preachers to "Earnestly aspire after a full deliverance from all sin, and a renewal in the whole image of God, and God will prosper you in all your labors." He further says, "Preach full salvation, now, receivable by faith." "This," said he, "is the word which the devil peculiarly hates and stirs up his children against," but "it is the word which God will always bless." Mark you, the devil's children object to the preaching of holiness, but God's true children, never.

Then following the regular ministry, if we could have all of the Bishops and those in ecclesiastical authority, the college presidents, and professors, and then all of the editors of our religious press, enjoy the blessing of entire sanctification, as a second definite work of grace subsequent to conversion, MY! what a tremendous influence this would give for righteousness and true holiness. May God hasten the day when this shall all be brought about, Amen! Not much use "mauling" the privates in the ordinary ranks of the army, until the big "Generals" get out of the way. All that I have written being true the Christian ministry have a very grave responsibility.

A DISTINGUISHED POET.

I presume among the thousands who read this book, there are a number of bright, intelligent young people who belong to the African race. For their encouragement and the general information of all, I call attention to Paul Lawrence Dunbar, Washington, D. C., to whom belongs the distinction of being the first real poet of his race in the English language. His people have a right to be proud of him, for he has clearly demonstrated the fact that it is possible for the negro to stand side by side with his white brethren in literary achievements. Mr. Dunbar, like Booker T. Washington, has come up from slavery, his father and mother both being slaves. Paul was born in Dayton, O., about thirty years ago, of pure African ancestry. He has known the deepest depths of poverty, and many of the cruel slights put upon the people of his race. He began composing poetry when but two years of age. He has already published many most creditable productions. A touching and tender little lullaby of his that has appealed to many a father's and mother's heart follows:

PO' LITTLE LAMB.

Bedtime's come fu' little boys,
Po' little lamb.
Too tiahed out to make a noise,
Po' little lamb.
You gwine to have to-morrer sho'?
Yes, yo' tole me dat befo'.
Don't you fool me, chile, no mo',
Po' little lamb.

You been had de livelong day,
Po' little lamb.

Th'owing stones an' runnin' way,
Po' little lamb.

My, but you's a-runnin' wild!
Look jes lak some po' folks' chile;
Mam gwine to whup you-atter while;
Po' little lamb.

Come hyeah! you mos' tiahed to def,
Po' little lamb.

Played yo'se'f clean o' bref,
Po' little lamb.

See dem han's now—such a sight!
Would you evah b'lieve dey's white?
Stan' still 'twell I wash dem right,
Po' little lamb.

Jes' cain't hol' yo' haid up straight,
Po' little lamb.

Hadn't oughter played so late,
Po' little lamb.

Mammy do' know whut she'd do
Ef de chillun's all lak you;
You's a caution now fu' true,
Po' little lamb.

Lay yo' haid down in my lap,
Po' little lamb.

Y' ought to have a right good slap,
Po' little lamb.

Yo' been runnin' roun' a heap.
Shet dem eyes, an' don't you peep—
Dah now, dah now, go to sleep—
Po' little lamb.

DELIGHT IN GOD'S HOUSE.

Psa. 84: 1-4; Psa. 100: 1-5.

For daily meditation.

Monday—The Head of the church. Col. 1: 16-20.

Tuesday—A true worshiper. Psa. 24: 1-5.

Wednesday—A sanctified church. Eph. 5: 25-27.

Thursday—A united church. Jno. 17: 6-23.

Friday—A glorious church. Eph. 3: 14-21.

Saturday—A triumphant church. Rev. 21: 1-7.

Sunday—Topic.

We have profound reverence for the church of God. And there should never enter into it anything that will destroy reverence, or despoil its sacredness. Is there not extreme danger here? for it would seem that many churches admit all kinds of "shows," and "entertainments," and "socials," that surely tend to lessen reverence, and educate the young to have but little respect for the house of God. Catholicism is far in advance of Protestantism at this point, for they never admit anything that might desecrate the holy sanctuary. The modern "restaurant attachment," theatrical stage, with foot lights, and drop curtain, bowling alley, and gymnasium paraphernalia, are utterly inconsistent with God's house. The apostolic church and the church of our fathers and mothers knew nothing of these things. But they did have an "Amen corner," and men and women who could pray until the windows would rattle, and the glory of God fill the place, and sing and shout until sinners trembled with awful conviction for their sins, and who found no peace until God mightily converted

their souls. There was real delight in God's house in those days, and people would ride or walk miles to attend one service. How the old church was loved and revered. It was where people "got religion." But the cry goes up, times have changed, the people are more "cultured," we must have something modern. But my friend, sin has not changed, it is still sending multitudes to hell. The Gospel has not changed, it is still the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. The Holy Spirit has not changed, God's power has not diminished, and human nature is surely about the same. What is the matter? Well, the church is being honeycombed with a crust of ethical formalism, that eliminates the supernatural, and frowns upon deep spirituality that expresses itself in shouts of praise and glad hallelujahs. And so these questions are constantly being asked, "How to reach the masses?" "How to get the men to church?" "How to hold our young people?" These questions can be answered if the church will rid herself of worldly entanglements, stiffness, formalism, and a ritualistic trend that has no "juice" in it. Let the church be a place of praise, shouts, mighty prayer, glad exultation, spontaneous outbursts from full hearts, and thousands will throng her courts, and God's house will be a delight indeed.

TO AWAKEN THOUGHT.

The church with all her defects is the best institution this side of heaven.

Millions have thronged her altars, found salvation from sin, and gone shouting home to glory.

Do you take a real delight in God's house?

Did you join the meeting house, or have you been born into God's (ecclesia) church?

As the oak leaf reflects the great oak in miniature, so every true Christian is a miniature church.

Be careful how you criticise the church, for in so doing you may be criticising yourself.

GOD'S UNANSWERED QUESTIONS.

1. What will ye do in the day of visitation? to whom will ye flee for help? and where will ye leave your glory? Isa. 10-3.

2. What will ye do in the end thereof? Jer. 5-31.

3. How wilt thou do in the swelling of Jordan? Jer. 2-5.

4. Who can heal thee? Lam. 2-13.

5. Can thine heart endure, or thine hands be strong, in the days that I shall deal with thee? Ezek. 22-14.

6. Where is any other that may save thee? Hosea 13-10.

7. What shall a man give in exchange for his soul? Mark 8-37.

8. Shall he find faith on the earth? Luke 18-8.

9. If they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in the dry? Luke 23-31.

10. What shall the end be of them that obey not the Gospel of God? 1 Pet. 4-17.

11. If the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear? 1 Pet. 4-18.

12. How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation? Heb. 2-3.

TRIALS.

Of course you will have them. But trials are usually blessings in disguise. They drive us to our knees. They help one to appreciate God's goodness when he delivers. God permits a continued, refining process to take place in our lives that he may bring out the pure gold in us. He says, "I will make man as the gold of Ophir." The diamond in its rough, uncut state is not so beautiful. But when the roughness is chiseled off, and the polishing is completed, it sparkles with the brilliancy of a star. You must expect "chiseling" if you expect to "shine." "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you; but rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings." Do not talk very much to others about your trials and afflictions. It may be necessary sometimes to unburden your heart. Talk most with God. "Casting all your care (anxiety) upon him; for he careth for you."

PERSONAL TESTIMONY.

Many young people are in danger of substituting a verse of Scripture, or a short reading from some religious paper, for personal experience. In so doing one may ease conscience, but there is a real loss to faith. Personal testimony to the saving or sanctifying power of Jesus Christ will always bring strength to the soul. "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering, for he is faithful that promised."—Heb. 10: 23. "That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus."—Phil. 6.

THE FULLNESS OF GOD, HOW SECURED.

Eph. 3: 14-21.

“This prayer of the apostle,” says Adam Clarke, “is one of the most grand and sublime in the whole oracles of God. The riches of the grace of the gospel and the extent to which the soul of man may be saved here below are most emphatically pointed out. Every word seems to have come immediately from heaven, laboring to convey ideas of infinite importance to mankind.” “The fullness of God” surely cannot mean anything less than the entire sanctification of the soul. Daniel Steele suggests “that the petition is that ye may be so filled with the Holy Spirit, and with all his gifts and graces, as God is filled. This is expressed in a mandatory form by Christ (Matt. 5: 48): “Be ye therefore perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.” Something more than initial Christian life is here prayed for by Paul in behalf of the church in Ephesus. The new birth begins with the love of God in the heart, shed abroad by the Holy Spirit. But such a heart is narrow, and needs enlargement; it has remaining defilements which need cleansing. So there are steps and intervals between spiritual infancy and manhood. The crowning act of this process of development is here denoted by the being filled with all the fullness of God. Elsewhere it is expressed by the prayer: “The God of peace himself sanctify you wholly.” (1 Thess. 5: 23, R. V.)

To secure this experience, one must be clearly justified before God, and then seek definitely for entire sanctification by a complete consecration. When such a consecration is complete, it will be easy to believe that “the

blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin." The moment your faith grasps the promise the Holy Spirit will witness that the work of cleansing is complete. Mr. Wesley says: "None, therefore, ought to believe that the work is done till there is added the testimony of the Spirit witnessing his entire sanctification as clearly as his justification."

SUGGESTIONS AND HELPS.

"To be filled with God is a great thing; to be filled with the fullness of God is still greater; but to be filled with ALL the fullness of God utterly bewilders the sense and confounds the understanding."—A. Clarke.

"Rooted and grounded in love." Love is the best soil out of which to "grow" a religious experience. It will hold in storms. Love is a sure foundation upon which to build life's superstructure. It is indestructible.

"Love strong as death—nay, stronger;
 Love mightier than the grave,
 Broad as the earth, and longer
 than ocean's widest wave.

"This is the love that sought us;
 This is the love that bought us;
 This is the love that brought us
 To gladdest days from saddest night;
 From deepest shame to glory bright;
 From depths of death to life's fair height;
 From darkness to the joy of light."

THE FULLNESS OF GOD WILL BRING
TO THE SOUL

Purity,
Perfection,
Power,
Comforter,
Comfort,
Courage,
Consistency,
Rest,
Refreshing,
Rejoicing,
Uction,
Union,
Usefulness,
Holiness,
Hopefulness,
Heavenliness.

READY FOR WORK.

The summer is over, vacations are at an end for another year, and Christian young people are now ready for an aggressive fall and winter campaign. Let me suggest some things your society can do.

You can visit the "shut-in's," if any, in your community.

You can read the Bible to some old people who cannot see to read or go to church.

You can send a barrel of clothing, and one of fruit to the nearest Deaconess Home.

You can visit the hospital or the "Old Ladies' Home," and pray and sing.

You can remember some poor, old, superannuated preacher with a liberal donation that will bring cheer to his heart.

You can furnish medicine for that poor family whose children are ill.

You can send religious books and papers to some missionary in the South.

You can help find a job of work for several worthy men and women who need it.

You can carry flowers to the prisoners in the jail and also say a word for Jesus.

You can make a special effort to reach the young men of your community and try to get them saved.

You can take care of some little children while some tired mothers go to church Sunday morning.

You can have some one converted each week in the young people's meeting.

O, there is plenty to do, if only there are willing hearts and hands to do it. Who will cry with the prophet of old, "Here am I, send me"?

CHEERFUL AMID ADVERSITY.

Acts 27: 22-36.

The Christian religion is the only religion that offers victory over all trials and difficulties. The stress of circumstances, the severest adversities, the almost impenetrable darkness all vanish through simple trust in Jesus, and the soul shouts glory and keeps happy. To

do this, however, one must keep "prayed up." Private prayer daily employed, the reading of God's Word, meditation on the goodness of God, will insure cheerfulness when the hard place is reached. Remember there is a "lot" left when you seem to have lost all.

When Jeremy Taylor's house had been plundered, his family driven out into the street, and his entire estate sequestered, he enumerated all he had left, declaring he could never murmur since he had only met with such trifling losses. His wife, a few friends, fresh air, sunshine, good digestion, if he could get anything to eat, the ability to read, meditate, pray and God's favor—all these were left. Surely you need not complain.

SOME GOLDEN NUGGETS TO HELP YOU.

Isa. 41: 13.

Prov. 30: 5.

2 Cor. 9: 8.

2 Chron. 16: 9.

Isa. 40: 28.

Isa. 50: 7.

Jer. 32: 17.

Jno. 14: 13.

Phil. 4: 19.

Psa. 37: 3-5.

SUGGESTED THOUGHTS ON THE LESSON.

"Be of good cheer."

"There stood by me an angel."

"I belong to God."

"I believe God,"

“None lost—only the ship.”

“He gave thanks to God.”

“Then were they all of good cheer.”

Very often the prayers, faith and courage of one man will stimulate a whole multitude.

A GOOD LEADER

Begins on time.

Prays much for divine direction.

Speaks short and to the point.

Puts in an amen occasionally.

Knows his subject well.

Selects the hymns before the meeting.

Plans for victory.

Expects results.

Gets them.

Amen!

DO YOU PRAY IN PRIVATE?

We need more private prayer. To neglect this simply means the loss of spiritual life. I mean private prayer, not family prayer, or general communion with God while about your household or business duties. A “place” to pray for “yourself” alone where you can tell God what you do not care for others to hear. Such praying, and spiritual life will be easily sustained and gloriously developed. This is a world of hurry. But, my young friend, be sure you take time to be holy.

SOME LITTLE THINGS "YOU" MIGHT DO.

You might smile when other people look sour.

You might keep sweet under provocation.

You might pray away a "spell" of the blues.

You might sing when there is a storm brewing.

You might say "the blood cleanseth" when the devil tries to make you doubt.

You might invite your neighbors to church.

You might carry a smile and a bunch of flowers to a sick lady.

You might drop a tract into the hands of that unsaved man.

You might read the Bible to that "shut in."

You might write a letter to that unsaved friend, inviting him to Christ.

You might do a "lot" of things for Jesus if you would only try.

DIRECTLY PERSONAL.

Do I love the Gospel?

Is it food to my soul?

Am I anxious that others shall hear it, too?

Am I doing all that I can to pass it along?

What can I do to-day to help some poor soul accept the invitation?

DANGER!

I don't care. What! don't care about your soul?
 I expect to be a Christian, but I want to wait awhile.
 I cannot give up my worldly companions.
 I do not believe some things in the Bible.
 I am not a very great sinner.
 Not to-night.

These excuses will all fail in the hour of death. Your only safety is in accepting Christ now.

SOME REASONS WHY SO MANY YOUNG
MEN FAIL.

They are unmannerly.

They have no respect for those who are their senior in years.

They speak of their father and mother as the "old man" and the "old woman."

They are coarse and loud-mouthed.

They use tobacco, and often that which is stronger.

They have no respect for Christianity.

They laugh at the church, and make a mock of religion.

They follow the lusts of the flesh.

They desecrate the Sabbath.

They have no respect for virtue.

Their eyes are full of adultery.

They have no sense of moral refinement.

They loaf in saloons, billiard rooms and tobacco stores.

They have an evil heart, which leads to gross sinning. Failure is written everywhere on their lives, and many of them fill untimely graves.

STICK TO YOUR BUSH.

We knew a physician who had a good practice, and was very successful. But he saw a chance to make money in buying and selling real estate. This took considerable of his time, and it was not long before his practice began to dwindle, and he was not nearly so successful in ministering to his patients. We knew a preacher who had pulpit ability, and many were converted under his ministry. But he prepared several lectures, and gave these at \$10 a night. He was praised and flattered as a lecturer. It was soon noticed that his sermons were not so spiritual. He had but little time for pastoral visiting, there were no conversions under his ministry. We knew a young business man who invested his money in a certain business. He succeeded splendidly for awhile. But he thought he saw an opportunity to make money more rapidly, and he put some money in this enterprise, and then in another. The investments failed, his capital was impaired, and business failure stared him in the face. We used to go "blackberrying." The temptation was, when we struck a big patch to pick here and there. But we soon discovered that the quickest way to fill our bucket was to find a big bush hanging full of nice berries and stick to that bush until we had them all picked off. And dear young people this is the way to succeed. "Stick to your bush." If you choose a life profession, give your time, thought and energy to that particular line exclusively. Do not scatter. It is ruinous.

Concentrate your forces, and strive to be the best in your line. The young man or young woman who will make Christ the chief corner-stone of his or her life, and who then proposes to be proficient in business, art, literature, teaching, music, science, mechanics, or any other legitimate profession, who utilizes strength and brain at the "one point" is sure to win.

SOME CHARACTERISTICS OF LOVE.

- Love—"Suffereth long."
- Love—"Is kind."
- Love—"Envieth not."
- Love—"Is not puffed-up."
- Love—"Does not behave unseemly."
- Love—"Seeketh not her own."
- Love—"Is not provoked."
- Love—"Thinketh no evil."
- Love—"Rejoices not in iniquity."
- Love—"Rejoices in the truth."
- Love—"Beareth all things."
- Love—"Believeth all things."
- Love—"Hopeth all things."
- Love—"Endureth all things."
- Love—"Never fails."
- Love—"Abideth."
- Love—"Is greatest."

"Love brings the glorious fullness in,
 And to His saints makes known;
 The blessed rest from inbred sin,
 Through faith in Christ alone."

THE NINE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT.

I Cor. 12: 8-11.

Wisdom.
Knowledge.
Faith.
Healing.
Miracles.
Prophecy.
Discerning of spirits.
Kinds of tongues.
Interpretation of tongues.

SUGGESTIVE AND PERSONAL.

Love is best.
Love is helpful.
Love is hopeful.
Love does not worry.
Love does not fret.
Love looks for the bright side.
Love is fervent.
Love is enthusiastic.
Love looks for opportunities.
Love wins victories.

“God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.”

DOING GOOD.

This practical advice from John Wesley will make a splendid motto for young people to heed :

Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.

ALMOST A CHRISTIAN.

What a sad sight to see great multitudes of the unsaved reject Christ. Those in evangelistic work see this over and over again. After a searching sermon, or a spirited exhortation, many stand with blanched faces, trembling like an aspen leaf, almost persuaded but finally turn and go away to continue in sin.

“So near to the door—and the door stood wide,
Close to the port—but not inside,
Near to the fold—yet not within,
Almost resolved to give up sin,
Almost persuaded to count the cost,
Almost a Christian, and yet—he was lost.”

WARNING.

“Danger!” “Stop!” “Slow up!” These words are often seen near a railroad crossing or switch. They mean just what they say, and to disregard them might lead to a fatal accident to some one. So we would say to that young man, who, perhaps, has taken his first glass of wine,

from the hand of some fair young lady—Danger! Stop! It may result in your utter destruction. It may not seem like it now, but that is the very way every poor drunkard started. Men as self-willed, as strong as you, have blighted hopes, ruined fortunes and damned their souls by trifling with the wine cup. If it is some other sin that has fastened itself upon your soul—greed or pride—which makes you not careful with somebody else's money, undue intimacy with another man's wife, or some unsuspecting girl, so that lust has already fastened itself upon your heart-life, ready to spring upon its victim when advantage is offered, causing wreck and ruin indescribable, I say slow up, consider what the results will be, stop! you can not afford to go that way, it is the way of death. Ask God to help you. He will. Be honest, keep clean, live a holy life now, and in years to come you will thank God a thousands times for such victory.

PERSONAL.

Really, what do YOU know about missions?

Do you take any missionary literature?

Do you lay aside any money for the Lord?

We know some men who give a dollar to missions, and spend \$30 and \$40 each year for tobacco.

Some old farmers with three hundred acres of land, and an annual income of fully \$1,000 give the preacher 25 cents a year to help convert the heathen.

How many of your Leaguers are missionary givers?

The Methodist Church was to raise \$20,000,000 and convert 2,000,000 souls. Have you heard anything about the souls lately?

LIVING MOMENT AT A TIME.

So many persons borrow trouble. They wonder how they will get through to-morrow or if the joys of salvation will remain next week. Or what would happen if sickness should come to the home, or husband should get out of work. "I do wonder how we would ever get through," and there is a deep sigh as if the trouble had already come. Thus many people lose their trust and faith in Christ. We are not to live in to-morrows, but moment by moment, with unwavering faith in him "who careth for you." Some one has written the following verses, which are applicable here :

Oh, the hurtful fret and worry
 Which we sometimes feel!
 In the world's great press and hurry
 Comfort we may steal.
 When the heart is wrung with sorrow,
 Trust to-day! Heed not to-morrow!

We our circumstances are blaming
 When affairs go wrong;
 But our Father doubt is shaming—
 "Trust Me all along"—
 Bidding us his comfort borrow:
 "Be not anxious for the morrow!"

When the way is growing dreary,
 And the soul is sad;
 Think of him who, often weary,
 Made all others glad—
 Think of him and comfort borrow.
 Trust to-day! Heed not to-morrow!

When we reach the darkling river,
 And our feet shall press
 On the borders of "For Ever,"
 Past the wilderness,
 Banish grief, away with sorrow!
 Soon will dawn the great to-morrow!

THAT WHICH WILL HELP A YOUNG MAN SUCCEED.

Be mannerly.
 Have respect for the aged.
 Have profound reverence for father and mother.
 Be choice in your language.
 Keep your mouth free from "smut" of any kind.
 Love the church.
 Early give your heart to Christ.
 Help others to learn to love him.
 Shun evil companions.
 Seek to develop mentally, morally and physically.
 Have a profound regard for virtue.
 "Keep thyself pure."
 Choose your company. Be sure to choose that which
 will elevate and not debase.
 Have high ideals and constantly seek to attain them.

BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU READ.

Young people are in danger here. There is so much being printed that is mere trash. It has a decided demoralizing effect on the mind. It smacks of the sheerest sentimentalism. Love stories whose moral tone can be

questioned. Utterly devoid of that which is elevating or stimulating. This sort of trash should be avoided. It has poison in it. Only read that which will strengthen the intellectual or moral tone of your life. I wish every one who reads this page would secure a copy of Mark Guy Pearse's little book, "The Christianity of Jesus Christ." It is worth its weight in gold, and will greatly enhance your spiritual life, as well as quicken the careless.

PROMISES TO THE "OVERCOMERS."

"To eat of the tree of life."

"Not to be hurt of the second death."

"A white stone—a new name."

"Power over nations."

"I will give him the morning star."

"I will not blot out his name out of the book of life."

"I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God."

"To sit with me in my throne."

A CURE FOR THE WORLD'S WOE.

Isa. 45: 12-23.

This lesson is an inspiring prophecy concerning the coming Kingdom of Christ. It portrays the omnipotence of God, his majesty and power to save. The climax of the lesson is reached in verse 22: "Look unto me and be ye saved all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is none else." An invitation as broad as humanity, and as deep as the deepest need of the soul. No race, no color, no individual excluded. What magnanimous provision! How it starts a hallelujah chorus in the soul!

1. If Christ had complete control of men's lives, it would cure the rupture between capital and labor. Men would be "brethren," and would not seek to take advantage. Love would rule every life. 2. Christ controlling the life would do away with class or "caste" distinction. There would be no "four hundred," but a common brotherhood, whose earthly aim is to elevate the race and make men ready for heaven. 3. If Christ had control of men's lives, the rich would find pleasure in using their wealth to save the world. Thousands of missionaries and teachers could be supported where only a few are in the field. 4. If Christ had control of every life, the liquor traffic would be done away with. There would be no saloonkeepers and no demand for drink. The brothel and gambling room would have no patrons. Yes, without doubt Jesus Christ is a sure cure for the world's woe. With renewed energy, and more enthusiasm let us lift up Jesus.

THE BLIGHT OF SIN.

Ruined lives.

Blasted hopes.

Wrecked homes.

Poverty and despair.

Children in rags.

Wife with broken heart.

Husband a demon.

Religion neglected.

The church forsaken.

Infidelity rampant.

Death—grave—HELL—LOST FOREVER.

WHAT IS SIN?

In the multitude of words.—Prov. 10-19.

The thought of foolishness.—Prov. 24-9.

Whatsoever is not of faith.—Rom. 14-23.

Knowing to do good, and doing it not.—James 4-17.

The transgression of the law.—I John, 3-4.

All unrighteousness.—I John, 5-17.

Pleasures of sin only for a season.—Heb. 11-25.



YOU WILL NEVER BE SORRY

For being courteous.

For being patient.

For helping the poor.

For ministering to the sick.

For being square in your business life.

For giving a tenth of your income to God.

For attending the weekly prayer meeting and taking part.

For spending considerable time in secret prayer, meditation and Bible study.

For the time you give in helping some poor soul to know Jesus Christ in his power to save.

For subscribing for a good holiness paper, and reading holiness literature and passing it along to others.

HIS REPENTANCE NOT GENUINE.

Real repentance is much more than "being sorry you're caught." More than emotion of some kind or simply good resolutions to do better. Bible repentance is heart sorrow for past sins and a determination with God's help you will never do the wrong things again. It is said of Bishop Gore, of England, that he once visited a noted pickpocket on his deathbed. The dying thief declared himself to be sincerely penitent and assured the Bishop that he believed in the forgiveness of his sins. He had spoken his last farewells and the Bishop sat waiting for the last moment to come. Suddenly the dying man exclaimed in a whisper which was his dying groan, "Look out for your watch!" He was dead and the Bishop's watch was in his lifeless hand. His repentance was not genuine, and he died a thief. "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts," and then, and only then, will God have mercy.

SEVEN "GREAT" THINGS.

Great—Salvation. Heb. 2:3.

Great—Love. Eph. 2:4.

Great—Peace. Psa. 119:165.

Great—Joy. Luke 2:10.

Great—Goodness. Psa. 31:19.

Great—Mercy. Psa. 103:11.

Great—Faithfulness. Lam. 3:23.

MISSION QUERIES.

Does your young people's society have a mission study class?

Do you give systematically to the cause of missions?

Do you read missionary literature, have you a fair knowledge of the field?

Have you ever thought of supporting a native preacher or teacher?

Do you ever pray for the missionaries already in the field?

Have you got any missionary fire in your heart?

Could you not give a penny a day for this purpose?

WORLDLY AMUSEMENTS.

What havoc to spiritual life is being wrought everywhere by worldly amusements. Bright young men and women are being led into utter indifference concerning the claims of the Gospel, and many already in the church indulge, and invariably lose their appetite for spiritual things. Think of a Presbyterian preacher, the pastor of a large, aristocratic church, patronizing the theatre, and sending his daughter to a dancing school! Yet he is the most popular pastor in town. Think of a Congregational preacher in a large, influential city church, preaching recently to twenty-five hundred people, and telling them that he patronized the theatre, and that if he had the money he would buy a theatre ticket for each one of his members each week, that they might attend also! Think of a Methodist church with six hundred members with not more than fifty of that number giving

any real evidence of spiritual life, with many families constant theatre goers, and advertising progressive euchre parties at their homes, besides indulging in all other forms of worldliness. Is it any wonder such a church has but from thirty to fifty in the prayer meeting, and eight or nine in the class meeting? Is it not about time the Methodist discipline was brought out? What has become of this valuable little book, anyway? Something must surely be done to save the church from the ravages of the world. What shall it be? Let the ministry hold up the Bible standard of regeneration and entire sanctification, and many will see how far beneath their privilege they are living. Such a view will cause alarm and scores will seek for a better experience.

OUR FELLOWSHIP.

Psa. 133: 1-3; I Cor. 12: 12-27.

True fellowship with God and with one another follows as a result of the experience of entire sanctification. Jesus prayed in that remarkable intercessory prayer recorded in the seventeenth chapter of St. John, "Sanctify them through thy truth...that they all may be one." Christian unity begins the minute that a man is converted. "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren." A fundamental of religious experience is, Christian fellowship. "If a man say I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar." Justification cannot be maintained with any hatred in your heart. When Christians "fall out" Christ goes out, and only repentance and faith will bring him back. But the lesson suggests a broader fellowship. We are not sure that God

is pleased with much of our sectarian and demoninational pride. It smatters too much of the "old man." And this leads us to say that if ever the fellowship of the Gospel predominates, the "old man which is corrupt" must be crucified, and the "new man" put on, "which, after God, is created in righteousness and true holiness." Holiness is the only sure cure for sectarian bias and denominational pride. It is also a sure preventive of "cliques" and "sets." Holiness recognizes the poor as well as the rich. It "puts up" with ignorance, blunders and mistakes of those who have a "zeal of God, but not according to knowledge." Let the prayer of Jesus be answered throughout the Christian Church, in the hearts and lives of believers as an experience, and a holy brotherhood will be established that will effectively assail Satan's kingdom as never before. O, Lord, hasten that day. Amen!

OUR HEAVENLY HOME AND THE WAY.

John 14: 1-6; Rev. 21: 1-4.

Heaven is a place. But it is not material, but spiritual. Heaven, however, is sure and substantial, as a careful study of the Word of God will clearly indicate. We believe there ought to be more preaching as well as meditation about heaven. This would lead to holy living and heavenly desires.

Heaven is holy. Those who enter there must also be holy. Most persons believe this, but not many are anxious

to make the necessary preparation. There is a modern universalism abroad, honeycombing the church and society everywhere, that is trying to believe everybody, whether good or bad, will be dumped into heaven. It is a fatal error, and has no Scriptural warrant. Only the righteous, pure, holy, shall enter there.

Heaven is for every one who will seek to enter. The conditions are simple and easy. Forsaking sin and accepting the Lord Jesus as a Saviour and Guide. A poor man told Rowland Hill that the way to heaven was short, easy and simple, comprising only three steps: "Out of self, unto Christ, into glory!"

Heaven is made on the plan of an infinite God. It is no small affair. Infinite in extent, with innumerable society of angels, and beauty beyond the thought of any mortal man. How it will ravish the eyes of the redeemed. "I want to go there, don't you?"

Heaven is an active place. Three things are said of the inhabitants of heaven. They serve Christ, they see him and they are like him. So, there is intense spiritual activity there.

How shall we enjoy heaven? One has said, "As every created man is different from every other man, so every man's heaven will be his very own, and his surroundings will be in harmony with his peculiar genius; the things seen will correspond perfectly with his affections and, as the objects which correspond to the good and true must be beautiful, therefore, heaven must be beautiful beyond the imagination of any man to conceive."

WHAT IS EXCLUDED.

No sea.
 No tears.
 No death.
 No crying.
 No sorrow.
 No pain.
 No temple.
 No sun.
 No moon.
 No night.
 No sin.

SUGGESTIONS.

Make sure of heaven.
 Look up the references in the Bible about heaven.
 Living grace will insure dying grace.
 "Will there be any stars in your crown?"
 Holiness secured and retained is a sure passport to
 heaven.
 Remember that no unclean thing gets in.
 MAKE SURE OF HEAVEN!!!!

"HOW FEARFULLY BUSINESS-LIKE IT LOOKS."

The above is the expression of a young woman, supposedly Christian, who, in a spasm of religious fervor, asked her husband to become a church member and Christian. Very coolly and business-like he propounded to her the following propositions, much to her discomfiture:

"I do not use tobacco in any way. You do not.

"I do not use profane language. Neither do you.

"I am a teetotaler. So are you.

"I go to the theatre. You go to the theatre.

"I play cards. You play cards.

"I attend church irregularly. You do the same.

"I pay something for religious purposes. So do you.

"I dance. You dance.

"I associate with unbelievers. You do the same.

"I read trashy novels. You read trashy novels.

"I do not read the Bible. Do you read the Bible?

"I do not pray. Do you pray?

"Now, what does your church membership add to your manner of living? Why are our ways different?"

IS IT ANYTHING TO YOU?

That men are dying without Christ.

That the heathen are perishing with but few to help them.

That millions of money is squandered foolishly that might be used to save the world.

That \$800,000,000 is spent for tobacco each year.

That the liquor traffic is sending 100,000 human souls to perdition every twelve months.

That the average church is devoid of spiritual power.

That many preachers seem to be preaching for their salaries rather than for souls.

That the so-called sinning religion of to-day pleases the devil, and robs God and heaven.

That the average man thinks more of his business than he does of his church.

That thousands of dollars are being spent in lodges and clubs that ought to go to help save souls.

“That the soul that sinneth, it shall die.”

That hell is enlarging “herself” to receive sinners.

TIME FOR MEDITATION—THE MORNING WATCH

Psa. 5:3; 119:147, 148; Matt. 14:23; Mark 6:30, 31.

Said a Godly minister, “If I had ten minutes of time I would spend five of it in meditation and five in prayer. Yea, ordinarily I would use seven minutes in meditation.” It is very true that with many of us too little time is given to meditation. This accelerated age prevents, or at least hinders our contemplation of the infinite mercies and goodness of God. And, as a result, many of his dear children are lean in soul. And yet, really, there is no excuse for one permitting such environments to be thrust upon him as to deprive him of time that ought to be used in accomplishing the most important thing of life, namely, soul development.

The lesson suggests morning meditation and prayer. The following of such a practice will make the Christian life one of great beauty and strength. It ought not to be neglected. We owe it to God to be at our very best for him. “Take time to be holy” should be the ruling passion of every life. The observing of the “Morning Watch”

will help to lighten the duties of each day, and make the heart cheerful in the midst of adversities, and triumphant when the stress of life is upon us. Many a person has hurried off to the day's work without meditation and prayer and suffered defeat in their spiritual life before the noon hour. Thus great injury is done to the soul. Let us guard against the attacks of the adversary by earnest, continued prayer. May your prayer and mine be,

“Direct, control, suggest this day,
All I design, or do, or say;
That all my powers, with all their might,
In thy sole glory may unite.”

FOR MEDITATION.

God's immediate mercies.

His past blessings.

My failures and how to avoid them in the future.

The precious promises of the Word.

My helpfulness to those about me.

My lack in embracing opportunities to do good.

How can I help someone to-day?

Are my thoughts always pure?

Am I at my best for him?

WHAT TO THINK ABOUT.

“Whatsoever things are True.”

“Whatsoever things are Honest.”

“Whatsoever things are Just.”

“Whatsoever things are Pure.”

“Whatsoever things are Lovely.”

“Whatsoever things are of Good Report.”

SOME TIMELY PROVERBS.

Fools mock at sin: but among the righteous there is favor.

He that winketh with the eye causeth sorrow: but a prating fool shall fall.

A tale-bearer revealeth secrets: but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter.

The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways.

A poor man is better than a liar.

Heaviness in the heart of a man maketh it stoop: but a good word maketh it glad.

An high look and a proud heart. . . is sin.

He that hasteth to be rich hath an evil eye, and considereth not that poverty shall come upon him.

Correct thy son and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul.

When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.

Scornful men bring a city into a snare: but wise men turn away wrath.

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THE OPEN CHANNEL OF PRAYER.

Matt. 6:6-8; 7:7-11; John 14:13, 14.

There is quite a difference between an open channel and an obstructed channel. An open channel has clear sailing, right up to the throne of God. God's great ear catches the message and there is definite answer. The obstructed channel is generally full of rocks of unbelief, snags of doubt, driftwood of neglected duty or sins unrepented. There is no use trying to pray over or around such "stuff" it must be gotten out of the way. Get the channel clear and then God's ear is open.

The topic suggests a place to pray. This is absolutely necessary to sustain spiritual life. Too few Christians practice the habit of secret prayer, and thus sustain great loss to their souls. If you would know the deep things of God, pray much in secret. If you would overcome the cares of life, pray much in secret. If you would live a happy Christian, pray much in secret.

The topic also suggests an unlimited promise, backed by divine provision. "Whatsoever ye shall ask"—knowledge, love, or anything else, he will give it. Our Love here gives us a *charte blanche*. Believer, write down what thou wilt, I will do it.—(Wesley).

God has a good deal more to give than most of us are getting. "Knee-ology" is a much neglected branch of Christian ethics. The church—the Christian loses immeasurably in strength and accelerated power by failing to test the wonderful promises of God, in prayer. O, for somebody who can really pray. Why need a church languish and die and have no one converted the year

round? somebody neglects to pray. Why need a community be without a revival of religion for years? somebody neglects to pray. Why need the benevolencies, missionary cause, and current expenses of the church suffer? somebody neglects to pray. Why need the church resort to unscriptural methods to raise money? somebody neglects to pray. O, for a praying church! Brother, sister, apply this directly to your own heart. Are you neglecting to pray?

ILLUSTRATIONS.

Moses prayed and saved a nation.—Exod. 32:31, 32.

Elijah prayed and the prophets of Baal were defeated.—1 Kings 18:36-39

Jehoshaphat prayed and his enemies were all slain.—2 Chron. 20:1-30.

Daniel prayed and was delivered from the lion's den.—Dan. 6:10-28.

A little prayer meeting around the corner gets Peter out of jail.—Acts 12:3-17.

A midnight prayer meeting unlocks prison doors for Paul and Silas.—Acts 16:24-34.

Luther prayed three hours a day, and broke the spell of ages and set captive nations free.

John Knox prayed all night, "Give me Scotland or I die," and God answered his prayer.

Baxter stained the walls of his study with praying breath and sent a tide of salvation over all England.

Finney prayed night and day for a week and then de-

livered his "Revival Lectures" which started the Salvation Army and sent a revival around the world.

George Mueller prayed and established his orphanages and got millions of dollars to sustain them.

Wesley, Bramwell, David Brainard, Jonathan Edwards, Dr. Cullis, and many whose names are not so well known, wrought wonders through the power of prevailing prayer.

A SECRET PLACE OF PRAYER.

By all means have it, if you would conserve your spiritual strength and enlarge your spiritual vision. Public prayer, or even prayer about the house or at your daily toil will not take the place of being "alone with God."

A story is told in "The Soul Winner," which is too apt to be in need of comment :

"Some converted Africans, finding no privacy for prayer in their small, crowded huts, betook themselves to secluded places in the forest near by. In the course of time, paths became worn from each man's hut to his prayer place. The spiritual condition could often be told by the condition of the path leading to any individual's 'closet.' Occasionally one of these native Christians would become lukewarm and not travel his path so much as in other days. In this event his companions would sometimes remind him with the words, 'Brother, the grass grows in your path.' "

A MESSAGE FROM HIS WORD

Jer. 15:16; John 15:7; Acts 20:32.

Jeremiah was glad that God had honored him. No wonder the word of the Lord was sweet to him and made him rejoice. So the Word of God is just as sweet and precious to us to-day. God has fit a promise to every human need. Shall we not appropriate his promises for our spiritual health? Please note:

1. The importance of Scripture. When God speaks he expects to be obeyed. To reject or refuse to obey his Word will result in disaster. Too many read the Bible as though it were no more than a book of science, or philosophy. While it is both scientific and philosophic it is much more than these. It embraces both revelation and inspiration. It is the fundamental of all law and morality. It reaches to the lowest strata of human life and lifts men to the highest pinnacle of Christian grandeur. Its message is alike to both prince and pauper. To enjoy the fragrance of its teachings one must continually obey every provision and precept, accepting the Word in its simplest form from beginning to end. Skepticism or doubt concerning any portion of Scripture will prove a hindrance to obtaining or retaining a religious experience.

2. The message is directly to you. When God says, "Ye must be born again," he means you. When he says, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart," he means you. When his Word says, "We shall live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world," he means you. To nullify the message which is directly to you will endanger your eternal interests. Don't do it.

3. The message is all-comprehensive and all-sufficient.

There is no lack anywhere. Circumstances, or environments make no difference. "His Word can never fail." The doctrines of Scripture are confirmed by experience. Meet Scriptural conditions and the results promised are sure to follow. You need not lack any good thing. "Ask what ye will" is the limitless promise.

QUESTIONS FOR DAILY MEDITATION.

The following questions for daily meditation will be found helpful. Take your Bible and study them carefully. They are furnished by Miss Cassie Smith :

Open thou mine eyes.—Psalm 119:18.

How often do I praise God?—Psalm 119:164.

How often do I pray?—Psalm 55:17.

Do I rejoice in the Lord?—Phil. 4:4.

Do I love his Law?—Psalm 119:97.

Have I wisdom from above?—James 3:17.

How do I get wisdom?—James 1:5.

Do I live the Golden Rule?—Matt. 7:12.

Is my light shining?—Matt. 5:16

Do I love the world?—I John, 2:15.

Do I dress like one professing godliness?—I Tim. 2:9, 10.

Do I help my brother in need?—I John, 3:17.

Am I holy in conversation?—I Pet. 1:15; Ps. 19:14.

Am I an example of believers?—I Tim., 4:12.

Do I help my brethren in need?—Prov. 3:9, 10.

Can I have victory?—I Cor. 15:57; 2 Cor. 2:14.

How do I overcome?—Rev. 12:11.

Have I joy in service?—Ps. 40:8.

Am I walking in the light?—1 John, 1:7.

Am I crucified with Christ?—Gal. 2:20.

Am I a living sacrifice?—Rom. 12:1, 2.

Shall I give an account of my deeds?—1 Cor. 5:10.

Do I turn any to righteousness?—Dan. 12:3.

Am I ready if Jesus comes?—Luke 12:40.

For what did Paul pray?—1 Thes., 5:22-24.

What is God's will for me?—1 Thes., 4:3.

What was Jesus' prayer for his disciples?—John 17:
17-20.

Why did Jesus suffer?—Heb. 17:12.

When shall I have power?—Acts 1:8.

Do I love God with all my heart?—Matt. 22:37.

Shall God's words pass away?—Matt. 24:35.

RECEIVING POWER.

There need be no lack of power in the Christian life. We often hear persons say that they are serving the Lord "in their poor, weak way." This is not the Bible way, as the following references will indicate from the pen of Abbie C. Morrow:

"Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you." Acts 1:8.

1. The power to speak. Acts 2:4; 16:36; 4:33.
2. The power to move men. Acts 2:37; 5:33; 7:54.
3. The power of loving unity. Acts 2:44-46.
4. The power of overcoming faith. Acts 3:6-16.
5. The power of holy earnestness. Acts 4:20.
6. The power of prevailing prayer. Acts 5:31.
7. The power of complete consecration. Acts 4:34-37.

8. The power of discernment. Acts 5:3; 13:10; 11;
14:9.
9. The power of indomitable courage. Acts 5:29-31.
10. The power to rejoice in persecution. Acts 5:41.
11. The power to forgive enemies. Acts 7:60.
12. The power of a pure heart. Acts 15:8, 9.

DO YOU EVER PRAY FOR

The policeman.

The fireman.

The old soldiers.

The frontier preacher.

The deaconesses.

The Salvation Army.

The slum workers.

The tramps.

The Jews.

The Sunday toiler on steam cars, electric cars, steam boats, steam ships. Those shut up in jails, almshouses and penitentiaries. We seldom hear prayer offered for any of these.

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP.

Matt. 6:19-34; Acts 20:35; 2 Cor. 9:7; 1 John 3:17, 18.

We have heard many persons say, "If I only had a million dollars I would help lift the burdens of the world." This suggests a very pertinent question, my friend. How much lifting are you doing with what you have? Almost without exception as one uses a single dollar, would he

use a million. A Christian steward is one whom God can trust. He has both sense and piety. He has given himself and all that he has to God, and uses God's time, and God's money for his glory. This sort of a steward blesses himself, those about him, and has the continual favor of God. Thousands of persons, we believe, would be better off financially, physically and spiritually if they were only careful to see to it that God has his share of their substance. A proverbial admonition says, "Honor the Lord with thy substance, and the first fruits of all thine increase: so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and they presses shall burst out with new wine."

The Christian steward has an O. P. J. (Old Patriarch Jacob) account. He reserves at least a tenth for God, and then takes pleasure in making several thank offerings beside. He prays about "giving" as well as his "getting." He uses that which God has given him thoughtfully and systematically. He does not put his "eggs all into one basket." There are more places than one where a small investment will mean "treasures laid up in heaven." The Christian steward practices self-denial. Selfishness has no place in his heart. Extravagance and the sinful use of money is constantly avoided. The little expenditures are watched, and there is no unnecessary outlay of funds. To sum it all up the Christian steward has a good time looking after his Lord's interests. Reader, are you really one of the Lord's stewards?

THE SINFUL RICH.

The daily papers reported the rich men and women of New York City as separating themselves from their money with much self-satisfaction. Here is the way they do it about Christmas :

Royal porcelain dinner sets \$6,000 apiece. Five sets sold in two days.

Babies' bibs \$50 apiece. Six go in a set—\$300

An umbrella \$500.

A made-to-order tiara of selected diamonds \$11,500.

A fan \$1,000.

A set of women's undergarments of three articles \$2,500

Rugs \$15,000 each, and many at \$1,000 were sold.

Cigars \$1 apiece, and several boxes sold at \$100 a box. "Lots of customers pay \$75 a hundred for their cigars and \$60 and \$40 per hundred is an ordinary price now-a-days," said the storekeeper.

A basket of flowers \$500, and plenty of orders.

American Beauty roses \$4 apiece.

The only comment necessary is, "they shall have their reward," and they are having it. But for all this, God shall bring them into judgment, where they shall be judged according to their opportunity and works

SHOUTING.

We do not believe in a manufactured shout. But a shout that comes spontaneously from a heart filled to overflowing with the love of God is as exhilarating as the zephyrs of a June morning. The psalmist says, "Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart." The "righteous" (converted) are to "be glad" and "rejoice." We wish our churches were full of that kind. But the "upright" the downright, the inright, the outright, the allright folks—the perpendicular, straight up, middle-of-the-road men and women who have had the "plumb line" of entire sanctification laid against their hearts are to "shout for joy." And this reminds us that the psalmist is right, as there is but little shouting over religious experience aside from those whom God has made perfect in love. How would it do to resurrect the "Amen corner" and the "shouters' brigade" again. Such an innovation would undoubtedly destroy the carnal peace of some church members, but if we could have a few fervid hallelujahs and Amens put in at the right time, or some spirit-filled saint shout her bonnet off and hair down, it would spoil the monotony of some grave-yard congregations, be refreshing to some of us, and, we believe, please God.

SEVEN THINGS GOD HATES.

(Prov. 6:17-19.)

A proud look.

A lying tongue.

Hands that shed innocent blood.

A heart that deviseth wicked imaginations.

Feet that be swift in running mischief.
 A false witness that speaketh lies.
 He that soweth discord among the brethren.

A FENCE OF TRUST.

(This is the famous little poem by Mrs. Mary F. Butts, who has just past away.—Ed.)

Build a little fence of trust
 Around to-day;
 Fill the space with loving work
 And therein stay.

Look not through the sheltering bars
 Upon to-morrow;
 God will help thee bear what comes
 Of joy or sorrow.



SELF-MASTERY OR SLAVERY.

I Cor. 9:24-27.

Many a man has tried to master himself and failed. Some evil habit has fastened itself upon the life, defiling body and soul, and the victim realizing himself a slave tries to shake it off through self-will, but, alas! the will has been enfeebled—paralyzed, and it does not respond and is not effective in warding off the serpent of habit. Defeat after defeat occurs until the poor soul, jaded, discouraged, broken, finally gives up the uneven struggle, and goes down to utter ruin. Friend, but few are strong

enough to resist temptation or break a habit in themselves. The race is "devilized," and there is no purely human ingenuity able to cope with his Satanic majesty, with his arts, schemes and diabolisms. Man is no match for the devil. How hopeless would be the outlook for the race if the battle was to be waged in the strength of humanity. But thank God there is a Deliverer. The cross held his body, the sun hid his face for shame, and the bowels of the earth were moved in compassion, when Jesus expired on Calvary's rugged tree, thus purchasing redemption for every man from the curse and thralldom of sin. Now it is possible through Christ, and him alone, for the non-Christian or the "young Christian to enjoy complete mastery over the flesh, the world and the devil." If you attempt to get on in your own strength you can be almost certain of defeat. But if you will accept Christ to save you, and trust his Blood to purify you, you shall come off more than conqueror.

Some of the striking imagery that Paul uses in this lesson is drawn from the Corinthian games, or more properly speaking, "Isthmian games," held in the great "poseidonium" or sanctuary of Neptune. It stood a short distance northeast of Corinth, on a platform above a ravine. To the south of the temple may be seen the "stadium" in which, says the apostle, all the footracers ran, but only one received the prize. "There may be great disparity among the candidates, but every one who endureth to the end shall be saved. Each shall receive a crown as large as he can wear." Paul further declares that to be "temperate in all things" is a sure way to win a victory. We must not let our bodily appetites predominate in the slightest degree, or we weaken our chances of winning

the prize. If we would fight wisely and well, we must not fight at a venture. Have a definite aim. An alarming danger among so many young people is that they seem to have no aim in life. "Strive to enter in at the straight gate" is the admonition of Jesus. The young Christian who means to make heaven must persevere, have pluck and grace. God is ready to bestow these as fast as we ask him. May none of us fail.

SOME SLAVES.

The tobacco slave.

The rum slave.

The cheap novel slave.

The theatre slave.

The social slave.

The slave to pride.

Reader, are you one of these?

EMBRACING OPPORTUNITY.

A deaconess who had been out nursing was returning home at three o'clock in the morning, and while standing on the corner of the street waiting for a car, came in contact with two young men, one of whom was under the influence of liquor. She spoke to them about their dissipation, and told them of Jesus who was able to save. The young man, who was intoxicated, was very wicked and exceedingly skeptical about religion. But the deaconess said, "I will pray for you, and will ask the church

to pray for you, too." The next Sunday one of these young men attended church, and true to her promise the deaconess arose and asked the people to pray for the young men that she had met, and especially the one who was intoxicated. The one who heard this returned home, and immediately told his companion. This was more than he could stand, and he determined to attend church himself as somebody was praying for him. He did so, the deaconess found him, led him to Christ, and the writer heard him relate this in a western city. He was still happy in the Lord, and at work helping to save others. How easy it would have been for this deaconess to have let these young men pass by without saying a word. But she was awake to her opportunity, spoke a word and won a soul.

SOWING AND REAPING.

The young man or young woman who sows to the flesh is sure to reap a bitter harvest. To sow to the flesh means that one will reap hardness of heart, indifference about religion, remorse, ruined health and deformed character. The common forms of worldliness are producing a frightful harvest. Sow progressive euchre, and you reap a gambler. Sow the wine glass, and you reap a drunkard. Sow a parlor dance, and you reap a common ball, and quite often a prostitute. Sow a theatre, and you reap indecency and lust. But there are other ways of sowing. We know of two accomplished young women who, regardless of parental advice, tears and prayers, were married to men far beneath their station in life. All was quite well for a time, but the reaping soon began. One

of these men brought disease home to his wife. Heart-ache, heartbreak and disgrace to herself and family, with final separation followed. The other is not much better. Young people, be very careful what you sow, if you want to reap a favorable harvest. "For whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." The reaping is sure to come sooner or later.

TRUTH AND LIES.

Eph. 4:45; Prov. 12:19; Psa. 51:6.

Lying is a very common sin. It enters into all forms of social and business life. Many business men practice it without any seeming compunction of conscience. A great deal of the advertising found in the great daily newspapers is tinctured with untruthfulness. Selling goods at "half-price," "one-fourth off," "below cost," "you will never be able to get such bargains again," is a very common form of newspaper lying. We know enough about the ordinary business man to know that he is not in business for glory, and could not afford to sell goods at a loss. There may be a "catch" in some of this to bring customers to the store in hopes of selling other goods, but generally it is a plain prevarication, or there is deception somewhere. "There comes Mrs. Brown up the street, I do hope she is not coming to our house, she is such a meddler." But Mrs. B. arrives on the door step, rings the door bell, and Mrs. A., who just finished the above statement, goes to the door herself. "Why, how do you do Mrs. Brown, I am so pleased to see you, you have not

called on me since you came back from your summer vacation, I am so delighted to have you call, can't you remain all afternoon?" That is plain lying. Mrs. A. did not want to see her, and she did not want her to remain all afternoon, and she was untruthful when she said so.

The disease of sin is at the bottom of all social and moral disorder. If we would keep from telling an untruth with our tongue, or any other way, the heart must be cleansed from all sin. Make the "center" of a man's being right, and his outward acts will be right. The Word says, "In holiness and righteousness." Holiness means purity on the inside, and righteousness means "rightness" on the outside. To be right—strictly right, and to be truthful—strictly truthful, all the time is no small matter. Many are not conscientiously careful at this point, and a simple form of lying sooner or later leads to grosser sins. To be truthful one must have "truth in the inward parts."

There is where real truth begins. As long as the "old man who is corrupt" remains in the heart, one is in danger of overstepping the bounds of strict veracity. The apostle says, "Lie not one to another seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds." Get rid of the "old man," and you will undoubtedly get rid of the source of all untruthfulness.

FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION.

Do I always tell the truth?

Am I in the habit of using slang?

Do I use extravagant expressions?

Am I living before God what I do before men?

Is my inward life as good as my outward life?

If I told a lie thoughtlessly and afterward found it out, would I be willing to acknowledge it?

FLETCHER'S RULES.

John Fletcher was a man of deep piety. Mr. Wesley so indicated in preaching his funeral sermon. Mr. Fletcher drew up for his own guidance the following rules for daily self-examination. I pass them along to the young people:

1. Did I awake spiritual, and was I watchful in keeping my mind from wandering this morning?

2. Have I this day got nearer to God in prayer, or have I given way to a lazy, idle spirit?

3. Has my faith been weakened by unwatchfulness, or quickened by diligence?

4. Have I walked by faith, and seen God in all things?

5. Have I denied myself in all unkind words and thoughts? Have I been delighted at seeing others preferred?

6. Have I made the most of my time, as far as I had light, strength and opportunity?

7. Have I kept the issues of my heart in the means of grace, so as to profit by them?

8. What have I done this day for the souls and bodies of God's dear saints?

9. Have I laid out anything to please myself, when I might have saved the money for the cause of God?

10. Have I governed well my tongue this day, remembering that in a multitude of words there wanteth not sin?

11. In how many instances have I denied myself this day?

12. Do my life and conversation adorn the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

FOUR PRIVILEGES.

Look unto Jesus. Heb. 12:2.

Learn of Jesus. Matt. 11:29.

Lean upon Jesus. Song of Sol. 8:5.

Live for Jesus. Phil. 1:21.

SELFISH AMBITION AND CHRIST'S SERVICE.

Mark 10:35-45; Matt. 16:24-26.

Selfishness is the root sin of many a life. It springs entirely from human motive. Christianity is not selfish; it is wholly unselfish. A selfish Christian is a misnomer. One might as well talk about an honest thief. No one really gets an ambition for the service of Christ until they are ready to serve Christ, and one is only ready to serve Christ when he has been supernaturally born into Christ's kingdom. This certainly means much more than good resolutions, signing a card or even joining the church. The motive of a regenerated man is to do the things a Christian ought to do, and leave undone the

things a Christian ought not to do. His motive springs from within and is God-given. It is possible for men and women to do great things in the name of charity or philanthropy, and bring blessing to many, when the motive for giving does not come from a consecrated heart. Mr. Carnegie desires to benefit mankind by giving his libraries, and no doubt many will be helped in that way, but it seems to me if his heart was touched with the love of Christ he would find more pleasure in giving some of his great wealth directly for the salvation of souls. Sin deadens the sensibilities and weakens the intellects of men, and there are thousands who will never go near one of Mr. Carnegie's libraries, because they have no taste for reading. But get real salvation in a man's heart and usually he will want to know something. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."

To have ambition is right. A young man or young woman without any ambition is sure to make an utter failure. A spark of ambition touched with the love of Christ will leap into a flame of divine energy that the worldling knows nothing about. Many a young man has ability enough to succeed if he would only stop trifling with sin. Let him continue in his career and he is sure of defeat. But let him order his life by that of Jesus Christ and he is sure to win. Selfish ambition may prosper the individual for a time, but it will not stand the fires of the judgment.

THE HYGIENIC TRUTHS.

The late Dr. Frank Hamilton, of Bellevue Hospital, is said to have framed the following curious decalogue of health precepts :

1. The best thing for the inside of a man is the outside of a horse.

2. Blessed is he who invented sleep—but thrice blessed the man who will invent a cure for thinking.

3. Light gives a bronzed or tan color to the skin ; but where it uproots the lily it plants the rose.

4. The lives of most men are in their own hands, and, as a rule, the just verdict after death would be *felo de se*.

5. Health must be earned—it seldom can be bought.

6. A change of air is less valuable than a change of scene. The air is changed every time the wind is changed.

7. Mold and decaying vegetables in a cellar weave shrouds for the upper chambers.

8. Dirt, debauchery, disease, and death are successive links in the same chain.

9. Calisthenics may be very genteel, and romping very ungenteel, but one is the shadow, the other the substance of healthful exercise.

10. Girls need health as much—nay, more—than boys. They can only obtain it as boys do, by running, tumbling—by all sorts of innocent vagaries. At least once a day girls should have their halters taken off, the bars let down, and be turned loose like young colts.

HIS CARE.

I wish the readers of this book would commit to memory the following beautiful poem, written by the Rev. John Parker :

HIS CARE.

God holds the key of all unknown,
 And I am glad ;
 If other hands should hold the key,
 Or if he trusted it to me,
 I might be sad.

What if to-morrow's cares were here
 Without its rest ?
 I'd rather he unlock the day,
 And, as the hours swing open, say,
 "Thy will is best."

The very dimness of my sight
 Makes me secure,
 For groping in my misty way
 I feel his hand, I hear him say,
 "My help is sure."

I cannot read his future plan,
 But this I know—
 I have the smiling of his face,
 And all the refuge of his grace,
 While here below.

Enough ; this covers all my want,
 And so I rest ;
 For what I cannot, he can see,
 And in his care I sure shall be
 Forever blest.

BIBLE MARKER.

The following verses are appropriate for a satin Bible marker :

Wherever you go, never go when you fear,
If God's question were asked you,
"What doest thou here?"

Whatever you say, in a whisper or clear
Say nothing you would not like God to hear.

Whatever you think, in joy or in woe,
Think nothing you would not like God to know.

Whatever you write, in haste or in heed,
Write nothing you would not like God to read.

Whatever you sing, in the midst of your glees,
Sing nothing that God's listening ear can displease.

A FEW RULES FOR DAILY LIVING.

1. Begin the day with prayer.
2. Read the Scripture, a few verses at least.
3. Meditate upon the Word and the Goodness of God.
4. Train your mind to think pleasant thoughts. Avoid the low and sensual.
5. Seek the companionship of the pure and good; such companions will help you maintain your Christian integrity.
6. Be careful what you read. Your mind is not a sieve to catch all the filth that is going. Only read that

which will elevate and strengthen your Christian character.

7. Carry sunshine with you. Make somebody happy during the day. Lift some soul out of the "slough of despond." Say a kind word, write a letter or send a tract.

A CALL TO PREACH.

Four young men have recently said to the writer that for several years they felt that they had been called to and as a result life had proven a failure and they were unhappy. If this should strike the eye of some young man who feels that God wants him to preach we would advise him to cultivate the call, and instead of opposing and refusing to listen, say yes, and keep saying yes, until the opportunity opens. If God wants you the way will be made plain and all you need to do is to walk in it. Disobedience here will mean heart sorrow and utter failure. Listen carefully to the voice of God and then obey instantly. To preach the gospel is the noblest calling in this world, and happy ought to be the man who is so highly favored of God.

SPARKS.

If we would have the help of God in overcoming the domination that sin has over us, we should put away all that tempts us to do evil and serve him faithfully.

The fervent prayer of a righteous man, when rightly conceived, can effect more than all other men can do, because he calls out the power of God.

The nation is safe that is guided by the counsels and helped by the prayers of righteous men.

It is better policy to increase the righteousness of a nation than it is to multiply its army and navy.

Israel had a powerful intercessor in Samuel, but in Christ we have one that is far mightier. He ever liveth to make intercession for us.

No one will ever seek to break away from the power of sin without a strong rallying of the forces of evil to prevent his doing so.

It is the part of wisdom to fear the forces of evil. He who despises their power will be sure to be overcome by them.

When the outlook for overcoming evil seems the blackest, cease not to cry unto God for help, for in him there is certain deliverance.

No temptation can befall you out of which God cannot make a way of escape, if you fully place your trust in him.

Memorialize every victory which the Lord helps you to win, saying: "Hitherto hath the Lord helped me." Soon the memorials will be so numerous that they will be a wonderful revelation of his assistance.

Don't think that one great victory will end the conflict. The devil never gives up, even when he has been well whipped.

Be not content until every portion of your nature has been wrested from the domination of evil. Let the Lord reign in every portion of your being.

TOTAL ABSTINENCE THE ONLY SAFE RULE.

Dan. 1: 8-15; 1 Thess. 5: 22; 1 Pet. 2: 11.

No man will ever become a drunkard if he refrains from taking the first drink. But let him take the first glass of wine or beer and there is no telling what it will lead to. Many a young man has prided himself in being strong enough to drink and let it alone, but has utterly failed, and now fills a drunkard's grave. It is never wise to wilfully try one's strength at a danger point, for one is generally weaker than he supposes, and disaster is almost sure to follow. Better adhere to the Scriptural injunction and "Abstain from all appearance of evil." We know that it takes more than ordinary courage for a young man to turn down his wine glass in the presence of a brilliant host of society friends. Better be laughed at now than to be mocked by a legion of devils. Better to lose caste and friendship here than lose your soul at last. Courage, young man; stand for the right. Let no gay, thoughtless girl sway you from strict total abstinence.

Again, if you drink there may be some weaker brother who will stumble over your example. You owe it to yourself and to those around you to shun the wine glass as you would a viper. Let no false friend persuade you. Your yielding may mean disgrace for yourself or some one else. Better be unpopular with the crowd and maintain your self respect. Avoid danger to yourself and your weaker brother. Be a manly man for Jesus' sake.

REST.

Heartaches and heart-breaks everywhere. Many who ought to be saved are indifferent to the call of God. Loved ones are praying night and day, and often the burden seems greater than can be borne. Many are the sleepless hours, hours of anxious thought and agonizing prayer. Tired heart rest yourself awhile. The Father knows. His pitying eye is on thee. Katrina Trask has beautifully written :

“Lie down and sleep,
 Leave it with God to keep
 This sorrow which is part
 Now of thy heart.
 When thou dost wake,
 If still 'tis thine to take
 Utter no wild complaint;
 Work waits thy hands;
 If thou shouldst faint
 God understands.”

SATISFIED.

I cannot say,
 Beneath the presence of life's cares today,
 I joy in these,
 But I can say
 That I would rather walk the rugged way
 If him it please.

I cannot feel
 That all is well when darkening clouds conceal
 The shining sun;
 But then I know
 God lives and loves—can say, since it is so,
 “They will be done.”

I do not see
 Why God should e'er permit some things to be
 When he is love;
 But I can see,
 Though often dimmed through mystery,
 His hand above.

I cannot speak
 In happy tones—the teardrops on my cheek
 Show I am sad;
 But I can speak
 Of grace to suffer with submission meek
 Until made glad.

I do not look
 Upon the present, nor in nature's book,
 To read my fate;
 But I do look
 For promised blessings in God's holy book,
 And I can wait.

I may not try
 To keep the hot tears back, but hush the sigh,
 I might have been;
 And try to still
 All rising murmurs, and to God's sweet will
 Respond, “Amen!”

Selected.

THE SABBATH DAY FOR WORSHIP AND REST.

Exod. 31 : 15-17 ; Mark 2 : 27.

Many persons work so hard and late Saturday night, that they are incapacitated for either public or private worship on the Sabbath day. Is this not a sin?

Others lay abed so late Sunday morning that it is with great difficulty they are able to attend church at all. While the Sabbath is a day of rest, it is far from a day of laziness.

There is no better way to rest on the Sabbath day than to engage in active Christian work. Fill the hours with holy ministry, and you will feel refreshed for the labors of the morrow.

Many think they must rest by taking long walks, strolling in the parks, bicycle or buggy riding. These are simply forms of dissipation, and very often Sabbath desecration. Dissipation of any sort never makes one feel rested, but restless, and is an injury to both soul and body.

Many business men of the present day make a practice of getting their mail on Sunday, open and read it, thus carrying the burdens and business of the week into the Sabbath. This is all wrong, and should never be engaged in by any Christian. Such a practice violates the Sabbath, has a bad influence, and is a sure indication of backsliding.

The body and mind should be rested. Let me suggest (1) Meditation. Find a quiet nook somewhere, and spend a little time in meditation on the goodness of God, your relation to his kingdom, how best to advance Christ's kingdom among men, and your part in the matter. (2)

Self-examination. Take a good, square look at your own heart. Be honest enough with yourself to let in the full light. If there are any wrongs to be righted, right them, and do so at once. (3) Prayer. Communion with God will bring a refreshing to your soul. Not only pray for yourself, but interest yourself in some other soul, and lift it heavenward by your prayers. (4) Worship. Attend the means of grace. "Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness" is the divine admonition. Such activities on the Sabbath day will honor God, invigorate your body and strengthen the soul.

EPIGRAMMATIC.

Censoriousness usually springs from "soreness," not perfect love.

Bud Robinson says: "God laughs over his soul." Surely this is holy laughter.

A sure cure for "Blue Monday" is an "Amen" breakfast, a "Hallelujah" dinner and a "Praise the Lord" supper.

"I am serving the Lord in my poor, weak way" is not according to Eph. 3: 14-21.

Six "hard" cases on a prayer card. Three gamblers and three formal church members.

A seeker said: "God was hardening up his soft head and softening up his hard heart."

"After you get sanctified wholly the devil can't 'stick' the blues on you, God won't let him."

A Christian who does not stir up the devil is but little account for the Lord.

A brother said: "I made up my mind to make it interesting for the devil, and then he made it interesting for me."

It pays to live a holy life. John Bunyan's tomb has nearly all been taken by relic hunters. "Holy man"—they just want a piece of his tomb.

The way to "get on in this world" is to "walk with God." Your path will then be heavenward, and the end a translation.

Three things will make a young man succeed: 1. A holy purpose. 2. A definite aim. 3. A high ideal.

PURE GOLD.

It is said that the way to tell genuine gold quartz is to examine it from every direction. If it is the genuine article it will glisten and sparkle no matter what position. There is a commodity that resembles gold, and under certain lights only will shine, but it is not pure. So it is with the real Christian and the nominal professor. The one will shine wherever he is and Christ will be lifted up. The other only looks well under certain lights, and will not bear close scrutiny at all. There is no shining, because the pure gold of a sincere Christian life is not there. What a sad thing it is to occasionally have a counterfeit shine, and thus deceive yourself and those about you. Why not be a pure gold Christian, then if looked at from any angle the Christ-life will be radiated?

WARMING HIMSELF BY THE ENEMIES' FIRE.

Peter did not deny Christ until he had first warmed himself by the enemies' fire. He got on their territory, and then it was not long until he forgot his Lord and Master. Many young people go into sin just that way. They first go where they may be easily tempted. Certain pleasures look very innocent, but they belong to the enemy, and once on the ground of the enemy, it is comparatively easy to yield and commit the grosser sin. "Abstain from all forms of evil" is the divine command. To be safe one must carefully obey. Anything less will endanger the soul. Keep away from the enemies' fire if you would prove faithful to the end.

THE YOUNG CHRISTIAN'S PLEASURES—
THE RECREATION OF THE
BODY, MIND AND SOUL.

1 Cor. 6: 9; 10: 31-33.

The question is often asked, "If I become a Christian will I lose all my pleasure?" Yes and no. You will lose all carnal pleasure, that which will damage your eternal interests, but you will not lose any legitimate pleasure, but will add that which will make you substantially happy.

There must be certain relaxations from business and study. During these hours of relaxation the young Christian should be very careful not to dissipate body,

mind and soul. Cultivate the mind to think right, use the body in legitimate exercise, and avoid that which might bring a sting to the soul.

What are some of the legitimate pleasures that a young Christian can enjoy? This is an important question, and can only be answered suggestively. In the first place a young Christian or any other is not to be long-faced or coffin-shaped. Christianity does not spoil the buoyancy or jollity of youth. Keep happy; laugh "out loud", and do it often. "A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance."

1. The body. All out-door exercise is healthful and full of pleasure. Walking, running, jumping, strolls into the country or parks, nutting, gathering wild flowers, hunting, fishing, swimming, mountain climbing, tennis, croquet, golf, base ball, horse-back riding, these will all help the body when used in their proper sphere.

2. The mind. It should be trained to grasp quickly and retain. There should be more young people who see God in his marvelous creative works. Nature everywhere furnishes innumerable lessons to which many are blind. What a field of thought among the flowers, trees, rocks, birds, insects; in variety numbering thousands, with their God-given instincts, able to propagate their species and care for themselves. Each one a world in itself. What a realm of supernatural manifestation here! Train the mind to think pure thoughts, and seek to glorify God in what you see about you belonging to this natural world. Remember you can bring the mind into proper subjection and cause it to obey.

3. The soul. The body and mind are avenues to the soul. Keep these free from uncleanness and the

soul's sense will be magnified. Take in through these channels that which will elevate and purify. Let God have full sway, and he will make the soul a play ground full of holy delight. God has made all the beautiful things of the world, so he can make the soul after his own pattern, all beautiful within. A young Christian, who aspires after "heart culture," will delight God, comfort himself and be a pleasure to those about him.

WHAT TO AVOID.

Avoid evil company. Have "spunk" enough to select your companions. Select good company, even if you must go by yourself. A man is known by the company he keeps—out of.

Keep away from the questionable places. The theatre, dance, card table, circus, horse race, have the devil's sting in them, and are sure to make you lose your Christian experience. Professional base ball and professional foot ball as played now are not elevating to a young Christian.

Avoid the use of slang, a rattle tongue, and trifling conversation. One of the easiest things in the world is to talk away a religious experience.

Avoid the reading of "trashy" literature. Love stories and blood-and-thunder tragedies will soon tarnish your soul.

REMEMBER

You must save your soul.

You must help to save others.

Your influence is for good or bad.

Somebody is watching you and will imitate you.

That it is possible to prostitute any pleasure into a dissipation.

That God is interested in your welfare, and wants you to be extremely happy here and now. Let him make you so.

PUTTING UP ANOTHER RAIL.

A brother recently said, "That when we testify for Christ it is putting another rail on the fence between us and Satan, and that he wanted to build a high fence." This is well, and we urge the reader to put on a rail at every opportunity. Make your fence high, so the devil cannot see over or climb over in your lot. But remember also, that to neglect to testify will take off a rail, and such an important duty frequently omitted, and there will be no fence, and you and Satan will be together in a common, worldly pasture field. Satanic familiarity means the loss of spiritual life, and if continued in, the loss of the soul. Keep away from the devil's "commons" by fervent prayer, active service, and the "putting up another rail on your fence" on every proper occasion.

SOME REVIVAL "DON'TS" FOR WORKERS.

Don't argue.

Don't be impatient.

Don't "crowd" the mourners.

Don't be discouraged if all you ask do not yield.

Don't talk in one ear of a seeker while some one else is talking in the other.

Don't ever tell a seeker "you are saved," that is the Lord's business.

Don't hesitate to show your colors that all other young people may know that you are a Christian.

Don't let some one else do your praying and testifying. If you do you will soon not have anything to say or pray.

Don't fail to keep much in prayer for divine direction in your personal work. The Lord will help you to become a wise soul-winner.

MAKE IT COUNT.

Your young people's meeting. Make it count for souls. Select leaders, and plan every devotional meeting to that end. Give a part of the time to the "mourner's bench," and try to get some one to occupy it. There is not enough direct, personal effort for souls in the young people's meeting, and many a meeting is dry and lifeless, and nothing in particular is accomplished. A few devoted, praying young people, who really love souls, can soon set a meeting on fire. Get out of the rut, do not be satisfied with the usual. Plan, pray, work for the "unusual." Bring something to pass. Get souls to God in your young people's prayer meeting. Do it the very next time you meet.

KILLING TIME.

It is a very common thing to hear one say, "I am killing time." What! Killing time. You would shudder even at the thought of violating the sixth commandment, and yet you are murdering time. Eternity is simply time out of sight. Hence, to kill time is to do great violence to eternity.

Many young people say, "I must have a good time; I am only young once." And they proceed to "murder" the precious God-given moment, and oftentimes hours are spent in the most trifling frivolity. My young friend you cannot afford to thus put to death the passing hours of life. When once they have passed they have gone forever with their reward of weal or woe. To kill time is to commit sin against God. Are you awake to the seriousness of this matter? If so, plan your waking hours, and fill them with holy ministry, either in daily avocation or special service. But make every minute count for God. Grotius once said: "I would give all my learning and honor for the plain integrity of John Urick, a poor man of great piety, who spent eight hours of his time in the study of God's Word, eight in labor, and but eight in meals, sleep and other necessities." Some day, I fear, some of us will wish that we had made better use of our time.

TO ASCERTAIN GOD'S WILL.

The career of Henry Drummond affords a fine illustration of the study of the divine will. His biographer tells us how for some years he was uncertain about the issue of his life. During that time he studied carefully the teaching of the Bible upon the will of God. The result of his study he summarized in these eight maxims, which he wrote upon the fly-leaf of his Bible:

"To find out God's will—

"1. Pray.

"2. Think.

"3. Talk to wise people, but do not regard their decision as final.

"4. Beware of the bias of your own will, but do not be too much afraid of it. God never unnecessarily thwarts a man's nature and liking, and it is a mistake to think that his will is in the line of the disagreeable.

"5. Meantime do the next thing (for doing God's will in small things is the best preparation for knowing it in great things).

"6. When decision and actions are necessary, go ahead.

"7. Never reconsider the decision when it is finally acted upon; and

"8. You will probably not find out till afterwards, perhaps, long afterwards, that you have been led at all."

THE DANGER OF INDIFFERENCE.

Hag. 1 : 2 ; Heb. 21 : 1-3 ; Jude 3, 20, 21.

The danger of indifference is no more vital than the indifference of danger.

The opiate of indifference administered by Satan has caused many a one to neglect duty, lose opportunities, paralyze privilege, and at last lay a stranded wreck on the shores of time.

The house of God should be neat and clean, but not extravagantly furnished. We do not believe in magnificent cathedrals, where only a few worldly aristocrats gather for display, rather than worship. Such are an abomination in the eyes of the Lord.

The Word of God is of tremendous import. The commands are imperative. They are easily understood. "Ye

must be born again." Whosoever is born of God does not commit sin." "Be ye holy, for I am holy." "Abstain from all appearance of evil." "If any man love the world the love of the Father is not in him."

Earnestness in Christian service is demanded of every one who calls himself a Christian. To compromise with any form of worldliness is to lose spiritual vitality. Hence, to be a "strong" Christian one must have a holy heart. Pentecost means Christianity on fire. Are you a pentecostal Christian?

To neglect the means of grace, private prayer, Bible study, Christian testimony and personal interest in the salvation of others is to approach a danger point. The omission of any one of these Christian duties will lead to indifference to others, and soon the soul will be barren and actually void of grace. Heed Jude 20, 21.

Indifference on the part of sinners is very great. Much of the "newfangled" preaching has no stir of conscience in it. Unsaved men hear it and are not moved. The itching ears of worldly church members are only tickled. We need a return to the "old paths." A revival of Scriptural regeneration, witness of the Spirit, entire sanctification, judgment, hell, eternity, will awaken many from the sleep of death.

"Faith of our fathers! living still
In spite of dungeon, fire and sword;
O how our hearts beat high with joy
When'er we hear that glorious word;
Faith of our fathers! holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death!"

“Our fathers chained in prisons dark,
 Were still in heart and conscience free;
 How sweet would be their children’s fate,
 If they, like them, could die for thee!
 Faith of our fathers! holy faith!
 We will be true to thee till death!

“Faith of our fathers! we will love
 Both friend and foe in all our strife;
 And preach thee, too, as love knows how,
 By kindly words and virtuous life;
 Faith of our fathers! holy faith!
 We will be true to thee till death!”

“CURSED CHILDREN.”

2 Peter 2: 12-17.

It is evident that at the rate which we are now living the succeeding generations will be physically and mentally weaker: The use of narcotics, patent medicine, intoxicating drink of all kinds, tobacco and cigars, morphine, opium and general dissipation on the part of many, lead to a weakening of physical vitality and a breaking down of physical nature. This condition is largely passed upon the progeny of the race with an alarming effect. The result of such sins upon the part of parents is, that children are cursed before they are born, and many are born with an inherited disposition found dominant in the life of the parent. We believe that it is a high crime against God for any man or woman to indulge in any habit that

might have a tendency to endanger or nullify the life of offspring. All children have a right to be "well born," not "hell born." Here is a matter of vital importance that all should think about.

LEARN TO SMILE.

A smile is much better than a frown. We do not mean a deceitful smile, like the kiss of Judas, but a smile from a heart that has sunshine in it. "Looking on the bright side of things" is a habit worth cultivating. Such practice will give one a pleasant countenance. Perfect love that "hopeth all things" is worth obtaining. That is, that hopes it is not so bad as represented. A heart wreathed in the love of God will nearly always make an illumined face, even in spite of sorrow. Some one has beautifully written,

"I saw a smile—to a poor man 'twas given,
 And he was old.
 The sun broke forth; I saw that smile in heaven
 Wrought into gold—
 Gold of such luster was n'er vouchsafed to us.
 It made the very light of day more luminous.

Wrought into gold! We that pass down life's hours
 So carelessly
 Might make the dusty way a path of flowers
 If we would try.
 Then every gentle deed we've done, or kind word given,
 Wrought into gold, would make us wondrous rich in
 heaven."

DO YOUR BEST.

“Like the star
That shines afar,
Without haste
And without rest
Let each man wheel with steady sway
Round the task that rules the day,
And do his best.”

THE DANGER OF IDLENESS.

Prov. 24:30-31; Rom. 12:11.

“It was all grown over with thorns, the face thereof was covered with nettles.” This is nature’s method of writing down her verdict of a sluggard or a drunken farmer.

“The stone wall broken down.” Not only fences down, buildings unpainted and dilapidated, weeds growing and farm land uncultivated, but everywhere nature paints a picture which is a perfect picture of the man himself. He is like his farm, he is “run down.”

Mr. Moody says “that a good many people are always crying out, my leanness! my leanness! when they ought to say, my laziness! my laziness!” Yes, that is true. When it comes to praying through, or doing effective Christian work that requires self-sacrifice, many are too lazy. How much such persons miss! They miss the added strength brought on by activity, the blessing of God as a reward

of effort, and the peace of conscience in a ministry to others.

“Give me this day
A little work to occupy my mind ;
A little suffering to sanctify
My spirit ; and, dear Lord, if thou can find
Some little good that I may do for thee
I shall be glad, for that will comfort me.
Mind, spirit, heart—I lift them all to thee.”

The Lord's work demands activity. There is immeasurable danger in idleness. Christian endeavor means spiritual enlargement. We do not mean that which is ordinarily called Christian work, such as entertainments, suppers, socials and money raising. But that which comes from genuine Christlike service. Where method, effort and time is given under the direction of the Holy Spirit, with the end in view that souls shall find Christ, such work always gives an uplift to the soul.

PERFECTION IN WORKS.

The Scriptural demand is far in advance of the actual sample shown by many who are called by the name of Christian. In fact, it would seem that most any “old thing” would do in the service of the King. A vital mistake is thus made. If we would receive the commendation of our Father we must first “be at our best” and then “do our best” with all the physical strength we have. This

contemplates (1) heart perfection, or personal perfection, as indicated in 2 Tim. 3: 17, "That the man of God may be perfect." It's a very difficult matter to run machinery without steam. It is just as difficult to order our outward deportment or to do effective Christian work with a relish without the motive power of a clean heart. (2) "Thoroughly furnished unto all good works" is the intense practical side of our Christian life. There must be a higher standard of Christian service. The Word demands it. It should be emphasized in pulpit and pew. But remember we cannot expect much better service unless the heart has first been made clean by the baptism with the Holy Spirit. Heart purity if maintained will produce an effective ministry and an active pew. When will the church universal awake to this important truth?

CHOOSING A WIFE.

Some Christian young men make a frightful mistake in marrying a giddy, frivolous girl simply because she is pretty, vivacious, and perhaps a ready conversationalist. When home duties are thrust upon such a creature her butterfly training is utterly incapable of meeting the exigency. Domestic duties are irksome, and as to assuming the duties of a wife and mother she is clearly incompetent. She has no taste for religious devotion, and that which would be a pleasure to her husband is foreign to her nature. There is nothing solid about her. Yet young men with sound judgment in business affairs and with a religious disposition, plight their faith and future happiness to this doll dressed up in a woman's clothes. Young man, if you should be tempted to make

such a life choice, your doom is sealed. The chances are that your gay companion will lead you away from the Christ you now love, cause you to lose faith in Christianity that has been such a source of comfort in the dark hours of trial, and thrust upon you domestic infelicity that will bring many a heartache. Choose your life companion with thought and prayer. Demand sense, judgment, health, piety, and you can have a home that will be like a little corner of heaven.

FOUR RED FLAGS: SELF-CONCEIT; PREJUDICE; JEALOUSY; RECKLESS HANDLING OF ANOTHER'S NAME.

Rom. 12: 16; Prov. 6: 34; Phil. 2: 3.

A red flag or a red light usually means danger. We frequently see such lights in front of a saloon, theatre or brothel. Danger! Danger!!

A man with self-conceit is like a strutting peacock with spread tail. He is self-centered, usually irrational, and very often despotic. It is a dangerous disease. Shun it.

“Be not wise in your own conceits” (Rom. 12-16) means, “Be not wise with yourselves.” The man who thinks he is a “Cyclopedia of Universal Knowledge” and that about all the wisdom will die when he ceases to breath, is a fool, indeed. There are some such.

Prejudice, jealousy and the reckless handling of an-

other's name spring from the same root in the heart, namely, the "old man" of sin. The extirpation of the carnal mind, through the baptism with the Holy Ghost and fire has cured many a case of prejudice and jealousy, and is almost always a "regulator" of the tongue.

Self-forgetfulness and a thoughtfulness for others is a motive that generally springs from a pure heart. A beautiful illustration is given in the life of Frances Willard. She arrived at a Western hotel ill, but she said, "Let her come up" to the request of a young lady reporter who desired an interview. Scarcely had the conversation opened when Miss Willard said, "Why, dearie, how tired you look! Take my chair, child." "And I—well," said the reporter, when she sent flowers to Miss Willard's funeral, "nobody had called me 'dearie' for so long, nobody had called me 'child,' that I, homesick, overworked, discouraged—well, I put my head on Frances Willard's shoulder and cried it all out."

All great souls are simple. They are far removed from prejudice, jealousy, carping criticism or inuendo. Magnanimity, self-forgetfulness, unselfishness and love of others are true characteristics. These spring from the pure love of God in the soul. Some one has said,

"Self is the only prison that can ever bind the soul,
Love is the only angel who can bid the gates unroll;
And, when he comes to call thee, arise, and follow fast:
His way may lie through darkness, but it leads to light
at last."

WAITED TOO LONG.

It was a Sunday night. The great church was crowded with people to hear the old gospel. The preacher gave an earnest plea for sinners to be converted. Many came forward to the altar to seek the Lord. One young man heard the call, but said to himself, "not to-night," made his way from the church, but impressed that he ought to have decided for Christ. He went to his work the next morning as usual in the railroad yards. He was in the act of coupling two cars when his foot slipped and he was caught between the bumpers and horribly crushed. He was dragged out, and almost the first words he said were, "I was at the church last night, and felt I ought to have been saved. But no one invited me and I came away without making a decision." And then with words of utter horror he said, "I am dying and my soul is lost," and in fifteen minutes he was dead.

He put it off one night too long. He might have been saved, for God called him, and he heard the message and the invitation. My unsaved friend, hear the call of God and seek him while he may be found. To-morrow may be too late.

WHAT SOME YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES
MIGHT DO.

They might have accommodating ushers for the young people's prayer meeting.

They might visit the hotels each Sunday morning and invite the traveling men to church.

They might visit the hospital, hold a religious service

where possible, and leave flowers and wholesome reading matter for the patients.

They might pack a barrel of fruits and vegetables and one of clothing and send to the nearest deaconess' home.

They might make a list of names of young men in the community who do not attend church, and invite them to come and then work for their conversion.

They might make the young people's prayer meeting a place of religious fervor, making a special effort to lead souls to Christ.

VICTORY.

“When life is done and climbed its craggy steeps,
 All hot suns set ;
 When in vast joy that neither sighs nor weeps,
 We then are met ;
 What rest shall hold our hands, and grace,
 Like evening psalm,
 Shall whisper peace! And from the troubled face
 Heaven's blessed calm
 Shall every tear stain wipe away, and fear ;
 With Christ at hand,
 No heartache can through golden years draw near
 That heavenly land.”

“Have you any wrong to right—right it.
 Do you have a sin to fight—fight it
 God himself will help you win,
 Let his Spirit enter in,
 Making right the heart within,
 Fit for heaven above.”

IF I WERE YOU, MY BOY,

I would not smoke ;
I would not swear ;
I would not loaf about tobacco stores and pool rooms ;
I would not go in company with boys who use bad language ;

CONFIDENCE IN GOD.

1 Cor. 3 : 21-23 ; 1 Tim. 6 : 17 ; 2 Tim. 1 : 12.

Does this topic infer that there are those in the church who do not have confidence in God? If there are such, they evidently are not Christians.

There must be confidence in God on the part of the unsaved. This is the very ground of faith. "We must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them who diligently seek him." There can be no salvation for the sinner without this confidence.

Confidence in God is to trust our case to his keeping. A full reliance that he will do all that he has promised. Or in other words, taking God at his word. Such implicit trust will be sure to bring the joy of salvation. It will also bring a ready answer to our prayers.

To pray with no confidence in God to answer, would be like presenting your check at bank to have it cashed, when you had no bank account. It would seem that many pray that way. Of course there is no answer to such praying. But when we come with fidelity and humble

confidence that God is able to perform all that he has promised, how speedy the answer.

The vast riches of the material and spiritual world belong to God. He delights to share his riches with his children. Through Christ "all things are yours." Do not be afraid to ask largely. God honors "big" faith. If we would enjoy material or spiritual riches, the end in view must be to glorify God. Such seeking will bring one into intimate acquaintance with God, where it is easy to say, "I know whom I have believed."

HELPS TO INCREASE OUR CONFIDENCE IN GOD.

A careful reading of the Bible.

Searching for the deeper spiritual truths.

Noting the fulfillment of prophecy in every particular.

Mark the magnitude of the promises and note their verification in your experience.

A secret place to pray where you are alone with God. Learn to know the voice of the Spirit.

A direct personal interest in the salvation of souls. Select some one and then work and pray for his or her salvation and mark how wonderfully God helps.

The large view of the mighty influences of Christianity. Then think of the noble army of men and women who have ventured to put their complete confidence in God and have carried the gospel to the ends of the earth.

HELP SOMEBODY.

“If when the joyous day is gone
I count the deeds that I have done,
And find one act, though small—
A loving word, a song, a smile—
That did some saddened heart beguile,
Or to a soul recall
The sunlight of the Father’s love,
Then I will thank my God above.”

REGULATORS.

Some precious souls are always trying to regulate the universe. They see much to criticise and condemn in their brothers and sisters. It is not enough to keep it in their hearts, but they must speak or write about it. Well, my brother or sister you have a big contract on hand to set everything and everybody right. This sort of a “regulator spirit” will soon lead one to harshness or bitterness or judgment incapable of righteous discernment. It is almost sure to be fatal to spiritual life. And the thing which we so tenaciously condemn in others we are guilty of ourselves. This surely is not a wise course and should not be pursued. “The love of Christ constraineth me” to “avoid the appearance of evil,” and to have Christ-like charity for all. This does not mean to be “wishy-washy” in our attacks upon sin. Jesus must shine in your life and mine if we would attract men to the gospel.

YOUNG WOMAN:

You had better learn to sew.

You had better learn to bake.

You had better learn to keep a tidy house.

You had better help mother mend the children's stockings and make yourself otherwise useful around the house.

You had better not cry and pout or grow peevish or fretful, under restraint or parental advice.

You had better practice economy, self-denial, self-restraint, humility, love. Such flowers will grow in the garden of your soul, and blossom into fragrance and beauty.

You had better avoid taking into your mind the trash of the street, world or literature. Poison is always dangerous. Read pure books, train your mind to think pure thoughts, and your character will be strong, robust, healthy.

You had better not marry an unsaved young man. See to it that Christ has the first place in your life and demand as much from him who is to be your constant companion. This will save you from a thousand heart-aches, enhance domestic felicity and very greatly help you on your way to heaven.

Young woman, will you heed this kindly advice?

SUGGESTIVE.

O-vercometh the world—1 Jno. 5 : 4.

B-e ye doers of the Word—Jas. 1 : 22.

E-ternal life—Rom. 6 : 23.

D-oeth the will of my Father—Matt. 7 : 21.

I-nheritance among the sanctified—Acts 26 : 18.

E-ndure hardness as a good soldier—2 Tim. 2 : 3.

N-ever leave thee nor forsake thee—Heb. 13 : 5.

C-onformed to the image of his Son—Rom. 8 : 29.

E-ndureth temptation—Jas. 1 : 12.

“WHEN THOU ART CONVERTED.”

The above sentence occurring in Luke 22 : 32 is misunderstood by many young people. They conclude that Peter was an unconverted man and was not really brought into relation with Christ until the day of pentecost. The word “converted” is not properly translated in the authorized version, but is more correctly translated in the Revised Version, which says, “when once thou hast turned” or as Adam Clark and Dean Alford say, “returning as a penitent after sin.” Or in plain every day English, being restored after backsliding. This is evidently a correct translation as clearly indicated by verses 31 and 32. For verse 31 says, “And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat.” If Satan “desired to have him” it is plain he did not already have him at this time. Then again in verse 32 Jesus said, “I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not.” Hence Peter had “faith,” and was a saved man. But he lost his relationship when he denied his Lord, but “went out and wept bitterly and was restored before the day of pentecost as is shown in John 21 : 15-17, especially the seventeenth verse. Jesus said, “Lovest thou me?” and Peter answered with much heart emphasis, “Lord, thou knowest all things ; thou knowest that I love thee.” This is the language of a trusting heart, and not of a sinner or backslider. So, that those at pentecost in-

cluding Peter, enjoyed initial salvation, while the pentecostal baptism meant the expurgation of remaining defilement, according to Acts 15:8-9, and the enduement of spiritual "power" for life and service, and was a second, definite, distinct work of grace wrought in the heart by the Holy Spirit.

MAKE SURE OF HEAVEN.

Heaven is beautiful beyond imagination. It is made on the plan of an infinite God. God's mighty hand is wonderfully displayed in this material universe. The expansionless ocean hemmed in by a ledge of sand. The majestic mountains lifting their lofty peaks above the clouds. The unnumbered worlds in sight of the modern telescope, all suggest the greatness of God. God has made a heaven for redeemed spirits, infinite in extent, with innumerable societies of angels, beautiful beyond the imagination of man to conceive. We would encourage you to meditate more about heaven. Such meditation will make you tender, loving, sympathetic. Heaven is God's spiritual kingdom. God is a Spirit, therefore his kingdom must be spiritual. Heaven is not material. It is foolish to think of heaven situated in any planet or star in the material universe. Heaven, however, is sure, substantial. The Bible plainly says so. Every man who gets to heaven will enjoy it to his fullest extent. Heaven will be his "very own," and his surroundings will appear in harmony with his peculiar genius. We undoubtedly shall appear as men and women, with all the highest possibilities of intelligence, continually increasing throughout eternity, fashioned after the similitude of our heavenly environments.

What a prospect, what beauty, what magnificent grandeur, what associations, what triumphant achievements. Music, songs, choruses in unspeakable tidal waves of holy harmony that will embellish and fairly ravish the redeemed spirits. Heaven, heaven, heaven, who will be so thoughtless as to miss it. Remember, that salvation through Jesus Christ will give you a title to that beautiful place, and holiness of heart will make you fit to enjoy it. My brother, my sister, make sure of heaven.

TRY SMILING.

“Why scowl and growl at all you find,
 Nor heed hope’s sweet beguiling?
 Each frown will leave its mark behind.
 A ragged scar upon the mind—
 Try smiling.”

SOME THINGS THE LEAGUE MIGHT DO.

It might hold open air meetings in many places during the Summer months.

It might make a special effort to reach all the young men who do not attend church.

It might make a special effort to have the members attend one or more holiness camp meetings.

It might make the young people’s prayer-meeting a place where souls would be converted.

It might furnish more young women for the deaconess work.

It might have more members who would tithe their income.

It might emphasize the experience of pentecost, namely,—the baptism with the Holy Ghost and fire,—as an absolute pre-requisite to soul winning.

THREE "G'S" TO AVOID.

There are certain characteristics that enter into the makeup of some people that are a real hindrance. 1—The grabber. The men or women who want everything they see, and who plan, scheme and lay awake nights to get it. Not satisfied or content with such things as they have, although very often they have a plenty. 2—The groaner. Whose sigh is like the weird moan of the mountain forest, whether the news be good or bad. Moan, groan, grunt, at almost everything. Never can see any good in anything. One long, continued g-r-o-a-n!!! 3—The grumbler. Grumble, grumble, grumble. The weather, business, children, preacher, church are appropriate themes for this individual to wag his tongue about. What a pity there are such folks, but there are. The only cure we know is a chronic case of salvation. This will take out the grab and put in contentment, it will change the groan into a shout of praise, and make a victorious Christian out of the grumbler. It seems almost too good to be true, but it is. Reader, if you are afflicted with either of the three "G's" seek salvation at once.

ATTENDANCE ON THE MEANS OF GRACE.

Heb. 12: 20-25.

This topic does not say attendance upon church services, for some church services are exceedingly dry, without juice or taste, and have no "means of grace" in them.

But a church that really sets a good table laden with palatable spiritual food for the soul, is like a "well watered garden" in any community. Only God knows how many hungry souls are fed and helped by such a church.

Some churches and some preachers furnish a means of "disgrace" rather than grace. Think of a prominent Methodist church advertising in the daily papers of a large city, "A Kounty Fair" with attractions like, "horse races," "Punch and Judy," "Frog Holler," "fortune telling," "sale of old bachelors." This we suppose was to help "hold" the young people.

Then think of a preacher supposedly called of God, standing between the living and the dead, with immortal souls at stake all about him, taking for his subject, "If I were a girl," "The modern Bicycle craze," "Who wrote Shakespeare," "Is it right to pray," and then said sharp, funny things that made the people laugh, and sent his hearers away starved and lean. It was not a means of grace.

Thank God for the spiritual preachers, and spiritual churches where the old gospel is dispensed and the flock of God is fed. Of course we would urge attendance upon such "means of grace." By the use of such means the soul will grow, God's house become a real delight, and

the tie of love and friendship binding Christian hearts, will be "like that above." People do not need much "coaxing" to attend such a church.

TO MAKE THE CHURCH SERVICES A MEANS OF GRACE.

Thought and preparation in advance.

Take some part in prayer, song or testimony.

Preach, pray, sing with the end in view that souls will be saved.

Let the young people attend the midweek prayer meeting. Your presence will help some one else.

Plan to make each service spiritual, with variety enough to keep out of ruts. A smile, a hearty handshake and attention to strangers will help.

"AN EXAMPLE OF THE BELIEVERS."

Paul's stirring exhortation to Timothy is worthy of careful attention. Efficiency in life and service will surely be the result, if these earnest words of scripture are heeded. There is entirely too much "easy going" among Christians. The result is, leanness of soul, lack of results in Christian effectiveness, and the loss of much fruit that might be gathered for Christ's kingdom. Study these

words and measure your life by them. "Be thou an example of the believers,

In word,
In conversation,
In charity,
In spirit,
In faith,
In purity."

(1 Tim. 4: 12).

"WHEN HE HAD SPENT ALL."

Some young people as well as others are regular spendthrifts. They do not realize the value of money. Every cent they earn or have given them must go for something. We see them in the stores buying cheap jewelry, millinery trash and the like. There seems to be no thought of economy or saving. The Prodigal Son was like that. But he struck bottom and finally got some sense. It is much better to have sense and you need not strike bottom. The "bottom" experience is a bitter one. No young man or young woman need go that way who will exercise a little care. Christ offers contentment as well as inspiration to a noble, successful life. Then too, rather than waste all the treasures of earth, why not lay up treasures in heaven. My young friend you had better make sure of a good sized bank account in heaven.

IF I WERE YOU, MY GIRL,

I would avoid pouting.

I would keep from fault-finding.

I would be thoughtful about mother.

I would lend a hand at baking, washing, ironing.

I would keep my room tidy, and not leave wearing apparel and toilet articles lying about everywhere.

I would select my girl friends and only associate with those who are pure and good.

I would not walk the street with a young man with a cigar in his mouth, or who spits tobacco juice on the sidewalk.

I would be a spiritual Christian, and I would demand the same of my "special" gentleman friend.

I would set a high ideal in physical and spiritual life and then I would ask God to help me reach it.

LITTLE SPARKS.

"Enter ye in at the strait gate." Remember that the gate is at this end of the journey.

And only straight men can get through the strait gate.

James declares that some people talk so much they hav'nt got any religion left.

Character is what a man is at midnight. Reputation is what he is in daylight.

The way to be a strong Christian is to have plenty of moral muscle.

KEEP THE VISION OF CHRIST CLEAR.

Acts 7: 55-56; 27: 25.

A penny held close to the eye will shut out the view of the sun, so a little sin in the heart will obstruct a clear vision of Christ.

A small gnat lighting on a rifle barrel will prevent the gunner from seeing clearly through the sights. A little pride, envy, doubt, or unbelief is a spot on the soul and will hinder spiritual eyesight.

Clear spiritual vision is a natural sequence of a pure heart. "He being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up. . . . and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God." Of course Christ would be revealed to such a man. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

With the coming of the Comforter in his sanctifying power, men and women have been led to attempt great things in the name of the Lord. Faith is quickened and enlarged, the vision keen and far-sighted. So that the great religious movements have been led by men whose spiritual eyesight was made clear by a touch of God's power, and they were led to attempt great things in the name of Christ.

Having received a vision of Christ we should do our best to keep that vision clear. To do this all of the ordinary Christian duties must be practiced. Secret prayer, public prayer, Christian conversation, the daily study of the Bible, and the reading of other safe religious books. The neglect of any of these duties will blur the vision. Disobedience will dim the vision. Self-seeking or self-pleasing will dim the vision. Courting the world,

a heedless tongue or unkind words will dim the vision. Not to hunger and thirst after righteousness will surely dim the vision. To desire above all things else to be obedient to the whole will of God, will keep the spiritual eyesight clear, and quick to perceive that which will delight the soul.

“Let thy sweet presence light my way,
And hallow every cross I bear ;
Transmuting duty, conflict, care
Into love’s service day by day.”

STRANGE BIBLE FACTS.

The learned Prince of Granada, heir to the Spanish throne, imprisoned by order of the crown for fear he should aspire to the throne, was kept in solitary confinement in the old prison at the Place of Skulls, Madrid. After thirty-three years in this living tomb, death came to his release, and the following remarkable researches, taken from the Bible and marked with an old nail on the rough walls of his cell, told how the brain sought employment through the weary years.

In the Bible the word “Lord” is found 1,853 times.

The word “Jehovah” 6,855 times.

The word “reverend” but once, and that in the ninth verse of Psalm III.

The eighth verse of the ninety-seventh Psalm is the middle verse of the Bible.

The ninth verse of the eighth chapter of Esther is the longest.

The thirty-fifth verse of the eleventh chapter of St. John is the shortest.

In the one hundred and seventh Psalm four verses are alike—the eighth, fifteenth, twenty-first and thirty-first.

Ezra 7: 21, contains all the letters of the alphabet except j.

All verses of the one hundred and thirty-sixth Psalm end alike.

No names or words of more than six syllables are found in the Bible.

Thirty-seventh chapter of Isaiah and nineteenth chapter of Second Kings are alike.

The word "girl" occurs but once in the Bible, and that in the third verse of the third chapter of Joel.

There are found in both books of the Bible 3,538,483 letters, 773,693 words, 31,373 verses, 1,189 chapters and 66 books.

The twenty-sixth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles is the finest chapter to read.

The most beautiful chapter is the twenty-third Psalm.

The four most inspiring promises are John 14: 2; 6: 37; Matthew 11: 28; Psalm 37: 4.

The first verse of the sixtieth chapter of Isaiah is the one for the new convert.

All who flatter themselves with vain boasting should read the sixth chapter of Matthew.

All humanity should learn the sixth chapter of St. Luke from the twentieth verse to its ending.

"WE KNOW."

In this day when there are so many questions asked, so many opinions expressed, and when even the "elect" are in danger from some "ism" or false doctrine, it is well to note the positiveness with which John wrote concerning experience.

We do know that we know him. 1 Jno. 2:3.

We know that when he shall appear we shall be like him. 1 Jno. 3:2.

We know that we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren. 1 Jno. 3:14.

We know that we are of the truth. 1 Jno. 3:19.

We know that he abideth in us by the Spirit which he hath given us. 1 Jno. 3:24.

We know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error. 1 Jno. 4:6.

We know that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit. 1 Jno. 4:13.

We know that we love the children of God. 1 Jno. 5:2.

We know that he hears us, whatsoever we ask. 1 Jno. 5:15.

We know that we have the petition that we desired of him. 1 Jno. 5:15.

We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not. 1 Jno. 5:18.

We know that we are of God. 1 Jno. 5:19.

We know that the Son of God has come. 1 Jno. 5:20.

We know him that is true. 1 Jno. 5:20.

USE EVERY OPPORTUNITY.

2 Tim. 4: 2.

“Preach the Word.” This striking admonition from the pen of the aged, saintly Paul to his best beloved earthly friend should be heeded by every minister in America. The people everywhere are hungry for the Word of Life.

A good deal of preaching is “from” a text of Scripture. That is, it is so far away “from” the text that long before the end of the sermon the text is lost sight of. Simple Bible exposition is much needed in this day. Outside the holiness movement there is but little expository preaching.

To “use every opportunity” requires piety, skill and persistency. Opportunities pass with the swiftness of time, and a dull, lazy, lukewarm, professing Christian will hardly embrace any of them. One must be alert to the tremendous needs of the time, the value of a soul, the horrors of an awful hell where lost men and women must inevitably plunge, if opportunities are to be embraced.

Mr. Spurgeon quaintly says, “It is wretched business for a man to call himself Christian, and have a soul which never peeps out from between his own ribs. It is horrible to be living to be saved, living to get to heaven, living to enjoy religion, and yet never live to bless others or ease the misery of a moaning world.” It is deplorable how few there are, when compared with the great mass of church members, that are about the Master’s business, who can be depended on for definite spiritual work.

We wish we might stir the reader’s heart to the great value of direct personal effort in the salvation of souls.

You may not be able to take the platform and preach, or go as a missionary, or special Christian worker, but you can learn to embrace opportunities, by speaking to the unsaved within your reach. A little effort here rightly directed and the results will be amazing and make your soul glad. If you will do a little work well, God will soon give you a larger place. Mr. Moody's great career as a soul-winner began in his early years in Chicago, when he cherished a fixed purpose and habit to converse with at least one soul every day, with the thought in mind that that soul should be won for Christ.

IT LOOKS QUEER.

"It Looks Queer when a man with a six-inch collar criticizes a woman's fashions."

"It Looks Queer when the preacher gets more interested in margins than in manhood."



BE LOYAL TO THE KING AND THE KINGDOM.

Job. 13: 15; Dan. 6: 4-10.

Love is the precursor of loyalty: "The love of Christ constraineth me."

Our KING is worthy of devout loyalty. He lays no distressing hardships upon his subjects. "His yoke is easy, and burdens light."

Loyalty in the little things will help us to be loyal in

the greater tests of life. Remember that "he will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able."

Job was a man that God could trust. Job did not betray this confidence. No doubt there are many such men and women to-day, but their number ought to be multiplied. Young man, young woman, can God trust YOU?

"When Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house. . . . and prayed. . . . as he did aforetime" (Dan. 6-10.) This was after Daniel knew he was sentenced to die. It did not frighten him in the least, nor make him waver in his loyalty to God and the true religion. Few Christians ever had such a severe test as this, and yet how many "fall down" under the slightest provocations.

The pulpit and the pew of this day need a reconstructed moral backbone. The flagrant, open sins that are ruining the race need rebuking, and only men of moral courage, superinduced by the baptism with the Holy Ghost and fire have such stamina. The appalling sin of adultery, drunkenness, divorce, worldliness, tobacco using, waste of precious time in lodges and clubs, Sabbath desecration, novel reading, Sunday newspapers, etc., ought to be continually thundered against from pulpit and pew. O, for a lot of God-fearing Daniels in this day.

The great men of the world bow in humble obeisance to our King. Note what some of them say:

"We believe that the history of the world is but the history of his influence."—Maclaren.

"His character so lives that he inspires millions of men with impassioned love."—Reynolds.

“Time has no power over the name and deeds and words of Jesus Christ.”—Channing.

“Holiest among the mighty, and mightiest among the holy.”—Richter.

UNSWERVING LOYALTY.

“If Jesus Christ is a man—
 And only a man—I say
 That of all mankind I cleave to him,
 And to him will I cleave alway.

“If Jesus Christ is a God—
 And the only God—I swear
 I will follow him through heaven and hell,³
 The earth, the sea, and the air.”

THE SAFEGUARD OF THE NATION.

Prov. 14: 34.

It is not in brewing beer, making whiskey or producing drunkards. Neither is it in Sabbath desecration, or political corruption; nor hoarding gold or oppressing the poor. The real safeguard of the nation is not our coast defense, battle ships or standing army. Neither is it in a compromising ministry or a worldly church; nor is it wholly in our education or refinement. But the words of the Great Book are true, “Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people.” The root

of safety for church and state lies in a holy heart. Christlikeness will heal the breach between capital and labor. It will cause men to "beat their swords into pruning hooks," it will save the nation from political disruption and corruption. It will make men honest in private and public. It will save drunkards and drunkard making. It will keep the rich from oppressing the poor, and make many rich who are poor. It will exalt domestic and social life. It will save our young people from worldly folly, infidelity and disregard for the teaching of the Bible. Christlikeness, real spirituality will save the ministry from "professionalism" salary grabbing, time serving, infidelity. A holy ministry will thunder forth the truth from Sinai to Calvary, and such preaching will quicken the pew into spiritual life and activity. We are convinced that the lethargy and spiritual deadness of the church everywhere is largely responsible for the open violation of law, flagrant sins and the industrial unrest apparent. The ministry must awake to this. We must stop turning out infidels from our great universities, stop tinkering the Bible, stop preaching simply to entertain the people. There must be a crying out against sin and a united endeavor to lead the people into real righteousness. This lies largely at the door of the ministry. He is the conservator of the home, church and state. He has a tremendous influence both in private and public. He helps to mold the consciences of men and women as no other man. If he is unfaithful, weak, cowardly, or compromising all suffer. Oh, for a ministry with fire, faith and courage who dares to preach the whole truth, even though support is cut off and friends forsake.

Here lies our strength and safety. When the church

of Christ stands for holy living, faith and prayer, the nation is safe. "Awake! awake! put on thy strength, O Zion."

A PREACHER'S LIBRARY.

It is almost a sure index as to where he stands on the doctrine and experience of entire sanctification. He may boast of once enjoying the experience and occasionally preaching about it, but if we have seen his library and found books on almost every other subject except the Wesleyan doctrine of holiness, it leads to the conclusion that he is not clear in his experience experimentally or theoretically. A preacher who enjoys the experience of entire sanctification, who testifies to it definitely before his people and who is leading others into the experience right along, reads safe holiness literature and usually has many volumes of the standard works and the latest and best publications on the subject.

A PREACHER'S WIFE.

What a spiritual help or hindrance a preacher's wife can be to a church society. If she is spiritually minded and active in the religious work of the church her influence is felt everywhere. Such a wife is also a great encouragement to her husband. But if she is indifferent, worldly, proud, with no better experience than the back-slidden church members about her, what a hindrance to

her husband and the whole church. This is particularly true with reference to the experience of holiness. If the preacher's wife is clear in life and testimony, it is not long until many others desire such an experience. Unfortunately we have found but few preachers' wives who have the experience of holiness. They are either utterly indifferent or are opposers of the doctrine. This is a great hindrance to the minister himself and to the church he serves. Happy is the preacher or any other man who has a spiritually minded wife.

SIMPLY FORM.

We were in a young people's meeting recently where an average of one hundred young people gathered. But there was but little spiritual warmth, and not more than one-third gave any evidence of having a religious experience. The majority of the young people seemed light and frivolous and utterly indifferent to the claim of the gospel. The song book used was devoid of music or piety. The prayers and speeches (not testimonies) and "discussion of the topic" was cut and dried. No enthusiasm, no spiritual warmth, no hearty cheer. Pity, but true, it was simply form without vital godliness. We presume there are many such societies. What is to be done? Find an enthusiastic, spiritual leader if possible. Put him or her in to lead the young people's meeting. Get all the spiritual members together for a fifteen-minute preparatory prayer service just before the regular meeting. Fire up in this smaller meeting and carry the warmth into the larger and it is bound to catch fire. Aim to get

some one converted. Get the young people to praying and thinking about souls. If the paster has any fire or enthusiasm, get him to help. But for Jesus' sake do something to get out of the dead, cold, formal grave into which you have fallen.

MY PLACE AS A CHRISTIAN CITIZEN.

Matt. 17: 24-27; I Tim. 2: 1-2; I Peter 2: 13-17.

A Christian citizen has no mean responsibility, providing he chooses to assume such responsibility. His attitude must be one untiring and uncompromising hostility to all forms of civic unrighteousness.

Indifference or moral cowardice on the part of many so-called Christian citizens at a time when strength is needed to overcome the intrigues of Satan and his adversaries, is the cause of so much corruption in American politics.

A multitude of men who esteem morality, honesty and righteousness above political partisanship is the pressing need of the hour. A Christian citizen is a citizen who is "Christian" on election day especially. "To him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, (on election day) to him it is sin."

The American "Drunkery" (saloon) could not live and thrive if all Christian citizens would do their duty. The open and flagrant violations of law, the desecration of the Sabbath day, would surely receive a check.

The facts are, that too many men wear a religious

frock on Sunday which they hang on a hook on Monday morning, and mark it non-usable for business or politics. That sort of Christian (?) citizen is a menace rather than a help to both church and state.

We know of nothing better to equip men, especially young men, and make them strong, courageous and right as Christian citizens, than the blessing of entire sanctification.

WHAT A CHRISTIAN CITIZEN CAN DO.

He can pray right and vote as he prays.

He can make a truthful report of his taxable property.

He can take his religion into politics without hurting the politics.

And he can make his politics conform to his religion without jeopardizing his religion.

He can be known as an uncompromising foe to the American, "Unamerican" drunkard-making establishment. What a Christian Citizen can do, he ought to do.

WHAT YOU CAN DO.

Put down the names of six of your unsaved friends, on a card, or page in your memorandum book, and begin at once to pray and work for their salvation.

Write a letter, send a tract, speak a word each day in the interest of some soul. Have some tracts near you, or in your pocket that you can hand out quickly as opportunity is presented.

Speak a kind word to those who come to your door. The butcher, baker, grocer's boy, laundryman, milk man,

coal-oil man, gas man, book agents and others. A single word might help to save a soul. Do it, and begin to-day for Jesus' sake.

STOP!

My young friend—

Stop reading trashy novels.

Stop cultivating impure thinking.

Stop engaging in coarse conversation.

Stop desecrating the Holy Sabbath day.

Stop keeping company with that young man who smokes and who takes a drink occasionally.

Stop growling at mother, and being fretful and peevish round the house.

Stop that waste of physical energy in nightly revelling and dissipation.

Stop forgetting to say your prayers, read your Bible and attendance upon the means of grace.

Stop! Stop! STOP!

STRONG MEN AND STRONG WOMEN THE NATION'S HOPE.

Exod. 18: 12; Deut. 16: 18; Eph. 6: 10-18.

Christianity lies at the foundation of all real moral strength.

The turpitude of the race must be supplanted by the righteousness of Christ if the race would be strong.

A young man or young woman who follows any form

of sinful practice, is sure to be weaker at some point as a result.

Strength of body, strength of intellect, or strength of spiritual life, will be enhanced by having the "life hid with Christ in God." "Strengthened with MIGHT by his spirit in the inner man."

How much we need young men and young women who dare stand up for the right. Whose influence, speech and practice are against the evils of the day. A few such persons in any community are a safe-guard and continual benediction.

Education is not all. We would not underestimate its value. But the Psalmist declares, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." A pure heart coupled to a keen intellect makes a strong man.

"Strong men and strong women are the nation's hope." Then we ought to frown on anything that debases, debauches, or weakens manhood. A great cry should go up from the church everywhere against the saloon, social evil, gambling, Sabbath desecration, and "such like." These all tend to weaken the moral perceptibility of the race, and especially lead thousands of our young people into degeneracy.

Shall the Saloon exist? No!

Shall licensed prostitution exist? No!

Shall the Christian Sabbath be desecrated? No!

Shall Christian men wink at these evils? No!

A SERIOUS OMISSION.

The Bi-Centennial of John Wesley's birth has been celebrated by a large number of churches. Many excellent addresses have been delivered, and the Methodist press especially have published much concerning this remarkable man. But strange to relate, in all of the sermons and addresses reported, or newspaper articles written, there is scarcely a reference to the fact that John Wesley experienced and constantly preached the doctrine of Christian perfection or entire sanctification. That which God raised him up to propagate, which God graciously blessed, and that really made Wesley what he was, as well as laid the foundation for the Methodist church,—almost as completely omitted as though it were utterly incongruous to this man's life or the church he founded.

Why this serious omission by preachers, editors and bishops of Methodism? Are we to understand that these men are ignorant of Wesley and his teaching, hardly. Are they ashamed to be known as advocating the unpopular doctrine of holiness, or have they intentionally omitted to remind the people of this great truth which made up the warp and woof of Wesley's life? Does this omission indicate Methodism's drift from the "main cord that binds us together?" We are almost forced to the conclusion that it does. We pity the men, whether in humble station or ecclesiastical prominence, who forsake the doctrine that made the church possible. We also pity the church thus forsaken. Mark you, if Methodism refuses, or neglects to spread scriptural holiness over these lands, God will raise up a people who will do so. Will Methodism recover is THE question of the hour?

VACATION READING.

Be careful what you select to read during your vacation. The books that are usually sold on railroad trains are trash, and the "latest popular novel of the season" has no spiritual or intellectual nourishment in it. Take your Bible and be sure to read that, and then select one or more books that will be a source of strength to your spiritual life. Poison taken into the mind is as hard to get rid of as poison taken into the body. If you would think pure thoughts read pure books. H. Clay Trumbull's "Individual Work for Individuals" will inspire you to personal efforts for souls. "With Christ in the school of prayer" will stimulate your faith, and help you grasp great things in prayer. "Thoughts on Holiness," by Mark Guy Pearse, will deepen your spiritual life. Do not spend your vacation time in idleness or you will return home poorer in intellect and a marked decline in your spiritual life.

A STRONG MAN

Does not drink intoxicants.

Does not use tobacco.

Does not dissipate.

Does not loaf.

Does not swear.

Is a Christian gentleman.

Loves and supports the church.

Has moral backbone on election day.

If elected to office will enforce the law.

BEGIN AT ONCE.

We mean, begin to do something for Christ. Many young Christians seem to be waiting for some great opportunity. The great opportunity will never come unless you embrace the smaller. Do the smaller duties, like confessing Christ publicly, offering public prayer if opportunity is presented, or speaking a word personally to some unsaved friend.

J. Hudson Taylor tells of a young Christian, who had received Christ as his Saviour, but who said to the missionary that he would wait until he learned more about him before making a public profession.

“Well,” said Mr. Taylor, “I have a question to ask you, When you light a candle, do you light it to make the candle more comfortable?”

“Certainly not,” said the other, “but in order that it may give more light.”

“When it is half burnt down do you expect that it will first become useful?”

“No, as soon as I light it.”

“Very well,” said the missionary, promptly; “go thou and do likewise; begin at once.”

MISSIONARY SUGGESTIONS.
THE GOSPEL IN THE ISLANDS.

Isa. 41 : 1.

These monthly missionary meetings, if carefully prepared for, ought to make the young people intelligent concerning the great importance of missionary effort. We suggest some points that might be brought out.

1—How many of your young people give systematically to missions?

2—Do any of them support a missionary or native worker?

3—Could your society not undertake the support of a native preacher?

4—How much missionary literature is distributed in your young people's society?

5—Do you do anything for Home Missions?

6—Has your society ever packed a barrel or box for some nearby Deaconess Home? If not, why not do so at once.

7—There are many frontier preachers and poor families in need of clothing, could you not send a barrel out West?

8—Have you ever helped any of the Salvation Army Rescue Homes?

9—Has your society a missionary committee?

There is plenty of work and multiplied opportunities both at home and abroad, but not very many who take a real interest. Reader, will you not stir yourself in this matter and see to it, that something is accomplished at once?

SOME OTHER THINGS WE MIGHT DO.

We might tithe our income.

We might dedicate ourselves.

We might spend less for dress and give more to save the world.

We might stop sending 100 casks of rum, to one missionary, abroad.

We might pray more and pay more.

We might work at home if we cannot go abroad.

FASHION.

How ridiculous and expensive it is. What hideous looking creatures it makes out of some people. We saw a young girl with a scoop shaped hat set on end that stoop up above the top of her head fully a foot. Then another with a shell shaped hat that reached nearly a foot before her face. In a revival meeting recently where the altar was a large brass rail we saw a worker trying to instruct some seekers, but could not get within speaking distance for the enormous hats that protruded over the rail so he put his head down under the rail and looked up from beneath. It was a serious, laughable, ridiculous situation made so by style and fashion. We see girls dressed like men and men dressed like girls. A young fellow with a new fangled shirt waist arose to give his testimony in a camp meeting, the leader who was somewhat defective in his eyesight said, "The Lord bless you, sister." Unless the Lord shall come soon, we hardly

know what we shall come to in style and fashion. Holiness gives common sense in life and dress. It makes beautiful inside as well as regulates the outside.

ONE SHOT AT A TIME.

Personal work is unquestionably one of the best methods in recruit winning, and if any one wishes scriptural examples before he proceeds in this sort of work, they are not lacking. Andrew brought his brother Simon; Christ talked alone with Nicodemus and the woman of Samaria; Philip talked alone with the Ethiopian eunuch; and Paul reasoned with Felix of "righteousness, temperance, and judgment," till the great man trembled. The advantage of personal work cannot be better illustrated than in the following way: A hunter complained that his shot scattered too much. One day while reading a paper, he came across the words, "A recipe to prevent the scattering of shot; price, 50c." He sent for it. In due time it arrived, and read as follows: "If your shot scatters too much put in one shot at a time." Personal work is putting in one shot a time.

DO IT.

Ecc. 9:3.

Peter Cooper, who founded the Cooper Institute in New York City, had a hard struggle. As a boy, his health was the frailest. He went to school but one year of his life, and during that year he could go only every other day. But when he was eight years old, he was earning

his living by pulling hair from the skins of the rabbits his father shot to make hat pulp.

He had not "half a chance." It seemed almost literally that he had no chance at all. He went to New York when he was seventeen years old. He walked the streets for days before he got a place, and then apprenticed himself to a carriage-maker for five years for his board and \$2.00 a month.

He had neither time nor money for what people called pleasures, but he had the pleasure of hope. While he was working for 50 cents a week, he said to himself, "If I ever get rich, I will build a place where the poor boys and girls of New York may have an education free," and he did it.

William Hunt, the painter, used to say: "Don't talk of what you want to do—do it!"

"Faith, mighty faith, the promise sees,
And looks to that alone,
Laughs at impossibilities,
And cries, 'It shall be done!'"

SUMMER TEMPTATION.

The enemy of souls is especially insidious in the summer time. Apparently innocent recreations become the means of spiritual leanness. Legitimate out-door games, hunting, fishing and excursions, can be used within proper limits to build up worn-out physical nature, but watchfulness is necessary that these pleasures do not lead to infatuation, carelessness in manner or speech, a question-

able choice of social companions, a neglect of daily communion with God, Bible reading and a personal interest in souls. Many young people backslide during the summer months simply because they permit the evil one to switch them off the main line of Christian integrity and watchfulness, and almost before they know it, they are on the side track of indifference and worldliness. This can be avoided by adhering to the words of Jesus, "*Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation.*"

It looks queer when a man takes to his couch at the time of the revival and gets around on crutches to the races.

REMEMBER JESUS CHRIST.

2 Tim. 2:8. R. V.

The essential thing in remembering Jesus Christ is to make sure you get acquainted with him. There are certain "forms," "ceremonies," "raising hands," "baptism," "church joining," that are practiced and urged upon the people by some pastors and evangelists, that leave the soul utterly barren without any affectionate relationship with Jesus Christ. Regeneration is a changed relationship, a new heart from God, which "ties" the soul to Jesus Christ and only transgression will break the tie. The language of the soul then is, "Thou knowest that I love thee." When such an epoch occurs in the life of an individual it will not be very difficult to remember the Saviour of men.

The young Christian will gain much in spiritual strength by secret devotions. Here the heart secrets can be poured into the ear of the Burden Bearer, who will

whisper back his sweet messages of strength and surety. A very precious, effective and vital relationship is thus established between "two loving hearts," YOURS and HIS. Young Christians, or older for that matter, lose spiritual ground by not spending much time in secret communion with God. The friends you remember best are those with whom we are most intimately acquainted; a casual acquaintance you soon forget. If you would remember the love of Christ, the tender mercies He has bestowed upon you, get intimately acquainted with him.

"Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the Scriptures." The young Christian will develop much strength by a study of the spiritual side of the Scriptures. The richer truths of the Bible lie far beneath the surface. They are like the precious gems of earth. They can only be had by "digging." This is a wholesome process as it develops spiritual muscle, and also enhances the value of the "gems" when they are discovered. There is considerable Bible "skimming" but not enough real Bible study for soul enlargement. If you would remember Jesus Christ, study his words, know his language, store up his precepts in your heart.

WHAT TO REMEMBER.

Remember Christ died to save YOU.

Remember that sin and sinning will send YOU to hell.

Remember to PRAY in secret.

Remember to STUDY the Bible.

Remember YOUR personal obligation to lost souls.

Remember to abstain from all appearance of evil.

BE STRONG.

Rev. Maltbie D. Babcock has written some beautiful poetry. The following forceful lines should be heeded by the young people in this day of so much weakness and compromise on the part of many:

Be strong!

We are not here to play, to dream, to drift.
We have hard work to do, and loads to lift.
Shun not the struggle; face it. 'Tis God's gift.

Be strong!

Say not the days are evil—Who's to blame?
And fold the hands and acquiesce—Oh, shame!
Stand up, speak out, and bravely, in God's name.

Be strong!

It matters not how deep intrenched the wrong,
How hard the battle goes, the day, how long,
Faint not, fight on! Tomorrow comes the song!

SOME NEEDS OF THE HOUR.

We need a profounder sense of the sinfulness of sin in the churches.

We need to alarm the people who are lukewarm and half hearted of their awful danger.

We need a lot of preachers who will thunder out the terrors of an awful judgment and a burning hell for the wicked.

We need to warn the people who in their mad scram-

ble for wealth have forgotten God, and are on their way to the pit.

We need four million church members who will vote against the liquor traffic, thus protecting 120,000 boys and 60,000 girls from an awful hell each year.

We need ten thousand preachers in every denomination to preach Jesus Christ a Saviour from ALL sin, here and now, and who believe that Christ has more power than Satan.

STIR UP THE GIFT OF GOD WHICH IS IN THEE.

2 Tim. 1:6-8.

“Stir up” means fire up, enkindle. The great need of many Christians is spiritual fire.

One way of spelling fear is “C-o-w-a-r-d.” Cowardice is weakness, weakness is loss of strength, and loss of strength means lifelessness. A cowardly, weakly, lifeless Christian, think of it.

Fear is not a product of grace, but is a device of Satan arising from the carnal mind. It blights faith, hinders prayer, and prevents usefulness. The heart must be free from this disturbing element if you would be at your best for God.

Thank God! there is a remedy. “Perfect love casteth out fear.” It is the only cure known, but it works every time. It is the result of being baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire as they were on the day of pentecost.

“Power and love and a sound mind” follow in its trend.

“Power”—The promised enduement.

“Love”—God occupying the entire arena of the soul.

“A Sound Mind”—Sober-mindedness, acuteness, concerning spiritual things.

Perfect love intensifies the sensibilities. Makes one quicker to embrace opportunities to do good, and enlarges the understanding to know the word of God.

In plain terms, Paul was very anxious that Timothy have a revival in his own heart. This is greatly needed throughout the land today, a personal revival of pure and undefiled religion. My young friend, drop on your knees and pray until fire from heaven strikes your heart.

LET IT ALONE.

Keep off the enemies' territory if you would be safe, my young Christian friend. Perhaps you may think you are strong enough to resist the tempter and come away in safety, but many have over-estimated their strength, and have fallen into sin, when they least expected it. They tampered with temptation and it overcame them. Some rats assembled in a large cellar, to devise some method of safely getting the bait from a steel trap which lay near, having seen numbers of their friends and relatives snatched from them by its merciless jaws. After many long speeches and the proposal of many elaborate but fruitless plans, a happy wit, standing erect, said:

“It is my opinion that, if with one paw we can keep down the spring, we can safely take the food from the trap with the other.”

All the rats present loudly squealed assent. Then they

were startled by a faint voice, and a poor rat, with only three legs, limping into the ring, stood up to speak.

My friends, I have tried the method you propose, and you see the result. Now let me suggest a plan to escape the trap. Let it alone."

If there is a single question as to the danger of your soul, LET IT ALONE.

KEEP ON WORKING.

"There is no difficulty," said a man of experience the other day, "in finding plenty of members in every church who will talk about work, suggest work, and even start work; but there is a plentiful lack of people who just work, and keep on working." The need of every church today is young people in its membership who will "just work and keep on working." Are we helping to fill that need, or do we belong to the talkers, starters, suggesters—and shirkers?

BE CAREFUL.

- To begin the day with prayer.
- To ask God to help in the little things of life.
- To pray concerning your business transactions.
- To embrace the opportunities to speak for Christ.
- To make your word as good as your bond.
- To be courteous to strangers.
- To glorify God in all that you do.

ENDURE HARDNESS AS A GOOD SOLDIER.

2 Tim. 2 : 3-4.

A good soldier ought to be fully equipped spiritually. That is, he should have on the "whole armor," or enjoy the baptism with the Holy Ghost and fire. This experience saves him from worldly entanglement, self-seeking and a carnal mind, which is the root of spiritual disorder. A good soldier, spiritually speaking, must be a healthy man. If sin is in his heart he is unhealthy and must spend some time "doctoring" himself when he might be free to help doctor other people. The fight must be against the enemy not with himself. Then, too, there is quite a difference fighting an enemy on the outside and continually fighting one on the inside.

Get rid of the "inside" enemy, namely inbred sin, and then you can do much better fighting against those that are without. Trust the blood of Christ to cleanse you from all inward defilement.

A good soldier does not entangle himself with the affairs of this life.

A good soldier knows how to handle the "Sword of the Spirit."

A good soldier is not looking for an easy place, but is willing to "fight" where difficulties seem insurmountable and circumstances unfavorable.

A good soldier is prompt to obey.

A good soldier never turns his back on the enemy.

A good soldier is courageous, never cowardly.

A good soldier follows the flag of the cross, even to where "satan's seat" is.

A good soldier must remember that the Captain of the Lord's hosts is sure to give victory.

Then be a good soldier of Jesus Christ and endure hardness if need be.

"Who is the happy warrior? Who is he
That every man in arms should wish to be?"

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'Tis he

Whose powers shed round him in the common strife,
Or mild concerns of ordinary life,
A constant influence, a peculiar grace;
But who, if he be called upon to face
Some awful moment to which Heaven has joined
Great issues, good or bad for humankind,
Is happy as a lover."

BEAUTIFUL IN THIS LIFE.

"See her face shine." We look, the face is not naturally pretty, but somehow there is a radiance, a transforming beauty, an unnatural shine, that makes those who see her say, "how lovely." What has happened? Christ has come into the heart. Dark clouds have passed away, sin has been forgiven and cleansed, the heart life is now aglow with the glory from another world. Of course, she is beautiful inside and out. Transformed into the Divine

likeness, henceforth to walk with Jesus, living "Godly in this present world." Beautiful in the sight of heaven, beautiful to those of earth. If you would be real handsome, enthrone Christ in your life.

LITTLE SINS.

Young people are not so much in danger from great sins as from little sins. It is the little things that often grow great. The rivulets cut a way for the mountain cataract, and lo! a flood. The snowflakes get frozen into avalanches, and lo! destruction. Beware of little sins!—they are only the "early callers." At Sierra Leone a little white ant crawls to a door. But the master prevents not the ant, and it enters the house, and soon other ants follow—a colony of ants. They eat their way into chairs and couches and tables, secretly and silently. And one day there is ruin in that house—the furniture falls to pieces, and the doors and windows are honeycombed; the heart has been eaten out of everything, all because the careless dweller let one little ant into his house. We say, "Only a little sin." Yes, but a host of sins will soon follow, to eat out our moral life and leave naught but ruin. If we are wise we shall be on the watch for the "little sins" that crouch at the door.

MAKING OUR LIVES COUNT.

2 Tim. 3: 10-15; 2 Cor. 11: 23-28.

Failure is written on every man's life who continues in sin. There may be apparent success, from a worldly or secular point of view, but how utter the failure to die without Christ.

Paul's faith and courage continued until the end. He braved the storms of opposition. He stood true amidst slander and ignominy; he had a right to counsel his young friend Timothy. He knew from bitter experience what Timothy might expect. "But out of them all God has delivered," is his cheering note of victory. The God of Paul and Timothy still lives, my young friend, and will also protect and deliver you.

If you think your afflictions are particularly severe, read carefully 2 Cor. 11: 23-28 and then compare your case with Paul's. Most of us are having a very easy time. We ought to thank God and take courage. Perhaps if we should be more outspoken against wickedness, God would see to it that our lives counted for more. The pathway might be rougher, but the victories more signal. No compromise with sin anywhere should be our slogan. Do you say Amen!

QUESTIONS.

Have you any of Paul's faith and courage?

Do you mean to go through with God at any cost?

Does your life count for God in the home?

Is your influence Christly among your social friends?

What about your business relations? Do they count for God?

CHARACTER DEVELOPED BY LITTLE DEEDS.

Young people should be careful to do the little things well. 'God will not give a larger task unless you are faithful in the smaller duties. It is said that it takes a great quantity of fresh cut flowers to supply a great city like London. There is one firm in the Covent Garden Market which sells sometimes as high at \$150,000 worth of cut flowers a week. One of the interesting features of the supply of flowers for this great human center is that they come largely from abroad, and from small growers. Baskets of flowers leave the south of France in the evening, and are ready for all the early morning markets of England two days afterward. These flowers are grown largely by industrious French cottagers, each sending a few baskets from their little well worked garden plat. Human life is like that in many ways. It is the little things that make up the beauty and fragrance of a character. Christian manhood and womanhood grow by little restraints, little self-denials, deeds that seem insignificant, taken alone; but the aggregation is a character and a life fragrant with the whole variety of Christian graces.

BLASPHEMY.

The habit of blasphemy is frightfully prevalent among American youth. Have you stopped to think, my friend, that God places the same penalty on swearing or profaning his name, that he does on adultery or murder? Well, he does.

“Are you paid anything for swearing?” Eli Perkins once asked a commercial traveler.

“No, I do it for nothing.”

“Well,” said the lecturer, “you work cheap. You lay aside your character as a gentleman, inflict pain on your friends, break a commandment, and lose your own soul—and for nothing! You do certainly work cheap, very cheap!”

A DISASTROUS ENDING.]

In all the history of infidelity, unbelief and skepticism there is not a single instance of a triumphant death. As one illustration of this statement, note the following from history: “On the 15th of February, 1758, Voltaire penned the following blasphemy:—‘Twenty years more and God will be in pretty plight.’ And in twenty years from that date Voltaire was on his death-bed. His infidel companions finding him disposed to recant, refused to let any minister of religion visit him. Voltaire in consequence became infuriated, and cursed the D’Alemberts and the Diderots. ‘Begone!’ he said. ‘It is you that have brought me to my present miserable condition! And what a wretched glory you have procured me!’ With alternate prayer and blasphemy, saying, ‘O, Christ,’ and then ‘I am abandoned of God and man,’ he died on the 30th of May, 1778. Monsieur Tronchin, the physician who attended him, declared that ‘to witness all the furies of Orestes, one had only to be present at the death of Voltaire. Such a spectacle,’ he adds, ‘would benefit the young who are in danger of losing the precious helps of religion.’ The Marshall De Richelieu was so terrified

at what he saw that he left the bedside of Voltaire, declaring the sight was too horrifying for endurance."

Millions have died in the triumphs of Christianity and like the immortal Alfred Cookman went "sweeping through the gates, washed in the blood of the Lamb."

THE CALL OF MOSES.

Exod. 3: 1-12.

Without question God had been preparing Moses for many years for just such a conversation and commission as he received at the burning bush. God did not act toward Moses in any obscure way. He said, "I am the God of thy father." This was to give Moses confidence. When God tells any of us to do a thing we ought to go ahead knowing that God will not order us to do any unreasonable or impossible thing. More, that if he tells us to do it, he will see that we get through, Amen! In fact no call of God ever lacked the promise of help. Run down the list, Abraham, Moses, Joshua, Gideon, Samuel, Nehemiah, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, yes, all the prophets and apostles. "Certainly I will be with thee," is the divine promise.

God selected a very crude way and a very lonely spot to converse with Moses, but when God touches any place it becomes holy ground. God may call one from the "backside of the desert" or the temple, or the plow, counting room, school or home. Remember when he calls he has a most important mission and ready obedience will

bring added blessing and complete victory. Moses felt his insufficiency. He was not wise enough, brave enough, eloquent enough, strong enough. We presume every man feels about the same way when God calls to some peculiar undertaking. Self-importance is not a grace of the Spirit, but humility is. But when God calls he prepares the way and empowers the one he calls. These two go together. Sometimes God keeps us in school a long time before he calls. Such preparation is far from "time thrown away." He knows when we are fitted for the work. We cannot each be a Moses, but we can be obedient and do the work near at hand, and do that well. God's little jobs are usually fraught with mighty consequences. If you do the little well, God will see to it that you have a larger place.

THE "GO."

Is there a "go" in your soul that prompts you to seek out and work for the salvation of those around you. If you have been soundly converted, God surely put such a "go" in your soul. God does not mean for such a desire to diminish, but to increase. If it has vanished from your Christian experience, you should become alarmed. You are probably already in a lukewarm or backslidden state. Pray that God may put this "go" in your soul, and then you "go" and work for the salvation of precious souls and God will intensify this desire into a white heat. Real Christianity has both fire and "go" in it. Seek the fire of pentecost and you will surely get the "go."

THE CALL OF ISAIAH.

Isa. 6: 1-8.

Isaiah, a prophet and preacher of righteousness, got a glimpse of God's holiness and immediately saw his own uncleanness and cried aloud, "Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips." To say that Isaiah did not enjoy initial grace or saving grace at this time would be to conclude that here was a prophet of God prophesying and preaching with a sinful heart. This is not reasonable, nor scriptural. When God's "live coal" touched him he was cleansed from his remaining defilement, and his heart spontaneously responded, "Here am I, send me." Cleansing is a pre-requisite to prompt obedience and a cheerful willingness to do the will of the Lord.

God's call is to holiness. Could he get the church in general to respond to his call he would send scores to help save a lost world. God's command is, "Be ye holy, for I am holy." We run a very dangerous risk to disobey God's command.

If you would see sin in your heart, draw nigh to God.

If you would have all sin forgiven and cleansed, God is the only one to do it.

God will use every person he can get. My friend can God have you?

A sinner is very uncomfortable under a sense of God's presence.

Have you heard God's call?

Have you been obedient to the heavenly vision?

WHY A CHURCH ENTERTAINMENT IS WRONG.

Because there is no authority for it in the Bible.

Because it kills spirituality and stifles worship.

Because it can not be prayed for in the public service without making religion ridiculous.

Because it never points any one to the cross of Christ.

Because it robs the Church of unity and harmony.

Because it leads people to think lightly of the promises of God in regard to the blessedness of giving.

Because it weakens the influence for spiritual good of those who engage in it.

Because it kills the revival spirit in every Church that upholds it.

Because it leads an army of young people into captivity to the world and its follies.

Because it robs religion of its good name, and makes the Church a beggar.

Because it perverts the truth, by teaching that there is a better way to raise money than God's way, viz., giving.

Because it is offering to God that which has upon it the image and superscription of Caesar.

Because it comes into the Church services, and kills the spirit of worship with its announcements, and begging appeals for patronage.

Because it disregards the admonition of Christ to take no step where the entire influence shall not be upon the side of God.

Because it leads ungodly people to believe that they can buy the favor of God with money.

FAILURE AND SUCCESS.

One of the wisest poems ever written upon failure and success is this brief one by R. W. Gilder, editor of *The Century Magazine*:

“He fails who climbs to power and place
 Up the pathway of disgrace.
 He fails not who makes truth his cause,
 Nor bends to win the crowd’s applause.
 He fails not—he who stakes his all
 Upon the right, and dares to fall.
 What though the living bless or blame,
 For him the long success of fame.”

A SWARM OF BEES.

- Be Converted. Acts 3: 19.
- Be Renewed. Eph. 4: 23.
- Be Obedient. Eph. 4: 23.
- Be Content. Heb. 13: 5.
- Be Sober. 1 Pet. 1: 14.
- Be Thankful. Col. 3: 15.
- Be Gentle. 2 Tim. 2: 24.
- Be Courteous. 1 Pet. 3: 8.
- Be Wise. 1 Cor. 3: 8.
- Be Faithful. Rev. 2: 10.
- Be Vigilant. 1 Pet. 5: 8.
- Be Ready. 1 Pet. 3: 15.
- Be Glad. 1 Pet. 4: 13.
- Be Good. 2 Cor. 5: 10.
- Be Holy. 1 Pet. 1: 16.
- Be Perfect. 2 Cor. 13: 11.
- Be Christ’s. Gal. 3: 29.

THE CALL OF JEREMIAH.

Jer. 1 : 4-10.

When God has a hard place, he calls and prepares someone to fill it.

Remember that God is not going to run out of men. We mean men whose courage is indomitable, whose faith is unwavering. There are always a few such men for God to use.

Jeremiah was God's man. God knew him from the beginning. Jeremiah was in God's plan, such a man was needed and God provided and educated him, and in the fulness of time called him to take up his work.

How we need a host of Jeremiahs to-day with clean hearts, knowing the Word of God, preaching a full gospel, mighty in prayer, persistent in endeavor for the salvation of the ungodly. Afraid of nothing but sin. May God raise up an army of preachers like this. Amen!

God has little things to do as well as great ones, and your reward will be based on faithfulness, not on prominence. Do the little things well that God calls you to do and then God can trust you with a larger undertaking.

1. God never calls to failure.
2. God can use weakness as well as strength.
3. God expects you to be his representative here and now.
4. There is a human as well as a divine attestation when one is called of God. God calls and some man confirms.
5. Listen to God first, then listen to man.

INCREASED USEFULNESS.

The late Rev. Hugh Price Hughes was one of the greatest preachers of British Wesleyan Methodism. It would be well for the young people and especially the younger preachers who read this page to scrutinize carefully the following concerning his life :

“An important event in the life of Mr. Hughes was the convention for the promotion of scriptural holiness held in Brighton in June, 1875. Ministers from all parts of Great Britain and Europe were present ; services were held in English, German, French and Italian in a number of different places, beginning at 7 o'clock in the morning and continuing until half-past nine at night. This convention marked the beginning of Mr. Hughes' life of absolute surrender to Jesus Christ, and the new experience into which he then entered was the secret of much of his power in later years. In 1875 Mr. Hughes removed to London. The next year he was appointed home missionary deputation to Cornwall. When he reached Truro he was informed that no steps had been taken to carry out the watchword of the president of the conference, “A revival in every circuit,” and that there was no intention to. After he had been preaching about twenty minutes Mr. Hughes became conscious that the Spirit of God was upon the congregation in an extraordinary manner. He stopped in the middle of his sermon, took the collection and began to preach again. In a few minutes he invited those who were seeking Christ

to come to the altar rail. Many did so and thus was begun a most remarkable revival in that church. It spread through the whole of Cornwall and gave Mr. Hughes a wide reputation as an evangelist."

SLIGHTS.

Do not be looking for them, for if you do they will be easy to find. And very often that which was not so intended will be mistaken for a slight. Then you will have trouble and worry and your soul will be kept in a state of turmoil. Suppose some folks do slight you. They ought to, if you are a holy man or woman. You are not traveling their way and you can well afford to part company. Look up to Jesus and keep your eye off of people, if you would enjoy a delightful, even, easy Christian experience.

THE INWARD STRUGGLE.

Rom. 7: 21; Gal. 5: 17.

Racine, for the benefit of Louis XIV, described in verse the struggle of the flesh against the Spirit, as follows:

"My God, what cruel strife
 I find two men in me.
 One wills that, full of love, to Thee
 My heart should always faithful be;
 The other keeps me rebel still
 In dire revolt against Thy will.

“One, all soul celestial,
 Wills holy service pleasures,
 Seeking only heavenly treasures.
 All things else as nothing measures;
 The other, with sin’s fatal weight
 Holds me thus in rebel state.

“Alas! in war against myself,
 The good I would, I cannot do;
 The sin I would not, I pursue;
 Extreme my misery and true.
 The ill I do, the good I leave undone
 The ill I hate and fain would shun.”

Thank God there is deliverance from this “double mind,” this inward struggle. The grace of entire sanctification will cast out the “old man” of sin and leave the heart free from strife and self.

KNOW AND OBEY THE WORD OF GOD.

Matt. 19: 17; James 1: 22-25; Psa. 119: 9-18.

It is necessary to do four things with the Bible in order to be a complete Christian. First, to admit the truth of it; second, to submit to its teachings; third, to commit it to memory, and fourth, to transmit it to others.

There are some people who try to deny that the Bible is true, others admit its truth and do not submit to its teachings; while still others apparently accept its

teachings, but fail to commit it to memory or tell it to others.

The Bible is peculiar in that it is GOD'S GREAT BOOK. It means exactly what it says and says exactly what it means. We aver, that there are no contradictions in the Word of God. Its great central theme is the salvation of the race from ALL sin. Its great central figure is JESUS CHRIST the Redeemer who made salvation possible, and was "manifested to DESTROY the works of the devil."

To neglect, reject or doubt the Bible in any particular is but an entering wedge to spiritual apathy. The "Bible tinkers" of this or any other age have been men whose hearts were cold and whose soul saving powers were limited.

To obey the Bible, will lead to a perfect salvation, make possible a victorious faith, surmount the difficulties of life and gain an "inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you."

Watson says, "The Bible is a rock of diamonds; a chain of pearls; the sword of the Spirit, a chart by which the Christian sails to eternity, the map by which he daily walks; the sun dial by which he sets his life; the balance by which he weighs his actions."

PUT FIRST THINGS FIRST.

Matt. 6: 24-34.

Happy is the person who carefully seeks the divine order. God knows what is best, and he who seeks God's way will find favor with him. Such an one will not be long in finding the way of salvation. That which seems to be last with so many ought to be first, namely, the salvation of the soul. All other things are trifles compared with the saving of your soul. Make sure that God, for Christ's sake, forgives your sins and

“Writes his new name upon your heart,
His new, best name of love.”

This question positively settled, and your changed relationship toward God will lead you to hunger and thirst after righteousness. And thus, very soon after your conversion, you may know the delights of a pure heart, which God's Word declares is “blessed.” Here, then, is the divine order: First, a clear conversion; second, a pure heart. Then you are ready for service and spiritual development.

The “first and great commandment is to love God with all your heart, soul and mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” Anything less than this would evidently be a violation of this imperative command from the lips of Jesus himself (Matt. 22: 37-38). It is quite clear that no one can do this with any sin in the life. For sin is both destructive and obstructive to love. We MUST get rid of sin; there must be nothing in the heart but pure love, if the command of Christ is to be met. Thank God, the provision has been made, “And the Lord thy

God will circumcise thine heart.to love the Lord thy God with all thine heart" (Deut. 30: 6). This act of circumcision is what transpires when God wholly sanctifies a soul.

What does it mean to be sanctified wholly?

A pure heart.

An undivided heart.

A fixed heart.

A "filled" heart.

A heart of love.

Such an heart is loyal, consistent, charitable and enthusiastic. God's first business will be your first business. Thus, in sweetest harmony, the individual and God go together. Is there anything better than this? No, not this side of heaven, except more of the same kind.

SPEAR POINTS.

Have a Bible of your own and read it daily.

Commit the word of God accurately to memory. There are very few persons who can quote the scriptures correctly.

The Psalmist says, "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee."

The Bible is God's "BIG LETTER" telling you and me how to get to heaven. To neglect to read this letter will very greatly imperil the soul.

Who should read the word? "The young, to know how to live; the old, to know how to die; the ignorant, for wisdom; the learned, for humility; the rich, for warning; the poor, for enrichment." It is the only book in the world for all sorts and conditions of men,

KEEN AND KUTE HEARD AT CAMP MEETINGS.

An enthusiastic brother said, 'that he was living 'IN CAAN-YAN' and that the Lord had filled him with 'DY-MO-NITE.' "

A brother said, "I 'swum right through the difficulty."

A minister was seeking the blessing of sanctification. An earnest brother prayed, "O Lord, save this preacher from his 'parsh-o-niers.' "

A young theological student said he was quite deficient in his "vocalbullery."

There is a difference between "the fulness of God" and "all of God's fulness."

Human love lays down its life for friends, divine love for enemies.

What the devil cannot "counteract" he will "counterfeit."

Bro. Elder says "The tobacco users have the disease of LUMPY JAW."

THE LAW OF THE HARVEST.

John 12: 23-26.

No man can explain the law of increase. How a grain of wheat is decomposed and out of this decomposition there comes life and a multiplied number of grains, is the mystery of creation. But we know that this very thing happens although we are unable to explain the philosophy of it. Christ is evidently comparing himself to

a grain of wheat. He was to die, go into the grave, be resurrected, and ascend to the right hand of the Father. And through this mysterious proceeding he was to bring eternal life to the millions of the earth. We can explain this no more than we can explain the decay and increase of the grain of wheat. But we know it is true, for some of us have tasted of salvation and eternal life made possible by the death of Jesus, (Read Romans 5: 14-21). "Great is the mystery of Godliness." We cannot explain how a poor, suffering, debased, sin-cursed human being can come to God and in the twinkling of an eye have his appetites and whole nature changed from that which is low, filthy and devilish to that which is good and pure. But we know it is true, for millions have been so wrought upon. Neither do we know how the "old man" of sin is crucified nor how that through consecration and faith the soul is sanctified. But we know it is true, for multitudes have the experience. The experience itself is worth a great deal more than to comprehend the philosophy of the transaction. Foolish is the man who rejects the experience simply because he cannot explain or understand how he gets it. Such an one ought to reject food that gives life and strength. He cannot explain the law of assimilation. He cannot explain how we take food into our bodies and it becomes blood, nerves, sinews, bones, etc. But we know it is true, and that God has so arranged it, and that ought to satisfy us. So, there are many things about the great plan of salvation that we cannot comprehend, but God made the plan and he proposes to redeem the world this way. We know "it works," and say Amen to God's plan.

RAYS OF LIGHT.

God has a way of using very small things to a large purpose. There are some large trees that spring from a very small seed. Let God use you even if you are SMALL.

We need more first class funerals, where men and women die to sin, self and the world. It ought to be a pleasure to be willing to die if in so doing you enter the gateway to increased spiritual life and usefulness. AND YOU WILL.

Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself." The average church member knows little of real self-denial. What with clubs, lodges, money-making, theatre-going, tobacco-using, and only a meager part of time and money given to God, it would seem with many to be self-gratification rather than self-denial. "For whosoever will save his life shall lose it. For what is a man profited if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul." According to this, self-denial means heaven, and the "favoring yourself" means hell. Which way are YOU going?

HABIT.

How quickly a habit will fasten itself upon the life. A gentleman suffering with a physical ailment was advised by his physician to take very small doses of morphine at certain intervals. He did so and was relieved, but finally went to an Eastern sanitarium for further treatment. The examining physician asked him if he

had been using whiskey or tobacco. He answered "no." "Have you not been using some stimulant or narcotic," asked the doctor. The patient said, "Only what was prescribed by my physician," and then referred to the morphine. He was advised to stop its use and cheerfully consented, saying, "that will be easy," for he had only been taking it for about six weeks. "But in the next few days," he says, "I suffered the torments of the damned, and it was only by the exertion of a powerful will and a determination to die rather than not conquer that I finally got the mastery." We found one young woman who had used morphine five years and was able to take 160 grains in a single day. And she declared that she knew other women who could take 200 grains in a single day. So habit quickly fastens itself and increases. What great danger to the boy or girl thinking impure thoughts, or reading novels or questionable literature, or the young man smoking cigarettes, or using smut and slang, or young people who are careless and "slouchy" about the home. These habits will speedily fix themselves in the life and cause degeneration and death. My young friend, break that habit that binds you. You may not be able to do it in your own strength, but ask God and he will help you.

HOW IT GREW.

That little misrepresentation of yours about that friend. Of course you really did not mean to do your friend an injury, but to hear the story now, it's awful. Some one has put it in rhyme and we want you to see it.

First somebody told it,
Then the room wouldn't hold it,
So the tongues rolled it
Till they got it outside;
Then the crowd came across it,
And never once lost it,
Till it grew long and wide.
This lie brought forth others,
Dark sisters and brothers,
And fathers and mothers,
A terrible crew!
And while headlong they hurried,
The people they flurried
And troubled and worried,
As lies always do.

"KNEE DRILL."

The Salvation Army have one meeting they call the Knee Drill. It is where they prevail mightily with God in prayer. Everybody can join this knee drill brigade. Drill a few minutes in the morning and if possible get in a few minutes practice at noon and never neglect a prolonged exercise at night. This sort of spiritual gymnastics will promote your spiritual health, make the

Christian pathway a delight, and make you keen to hear and know the voice of God. If you would be an efficient soldier of Jesus Christ put in as much time as possible in knee drilling.

THE POWER OF A CONSISTENT LIFE.

Neh. 5 : 9 ; Rom. 14 : 22.

Suggestive Bible selections on the topic.

One Master only. Matt. 6 : 24.

The hypocrite spurned. Psa. 50 : 16, 17.

Consistency gives courage. Neh. 6 : 9-11.

Words and deeds. Mal. 1 : 6-8.

The testimony of a consistent life. 1 Pet. 2 : 12.

The pre-requisite to a consistent Christian life is to first have a good degree of salvation. A half hearted experience is sure to lead to inconsistency. Sin in any form will dull the keenness of consciences, and blur the spiritual eyesight. There must be a heart "set" on God, a high sense of our moral obligation to truth and righteousness, and a serious sense of the heinousness of sin. Such an experience will lead to a consistent Christian life in any walk of life.

Inconsistent living on the part of church members is perhaps the greatest hindrance to the spread of the gospel to-day. A prominent business man said, "I leave my religion at home when I start for business." (This is not true of all business men, but it is too true of many. Business consistency on the part of church members would mean much for Christ's kingdom. This can also be applied to those who go into social life. Young Chris-

tians especially are in danger here. A slight compromise with worldliness or sin, will cripple the spiritual life as well as endanger the souls of others through your inconsistency. A consistent life among your friends is the best sort of testimony.

A consistent life will give,

Courage.

Will bring conviction.

Will give peace to your own heart.

Will give you power to help others.

Will bring you home to heaven at last.

“O Lord, I pray
That for this day
I may not swerve
By foot or hand
From Thy command,
Not to be served, but to serve.

“This too I pray,
That for this day
No love of ease
Nor pride prevent
My good intent
Not to be pleased, but to please.

“And if I may,
I’d have this day
Strength from above
To set my heart
In heavenly art.
Not to be loved, but to love.”

SAVE THE YOUNG MEN.

What a throng of young men rushing into eternity unsaved. Our cities and towns are crowded with them. They seem to be getting more careless and reckless as the years go by. The young people's societies ought to put forth a special effort to get the young men interested. Personal solicitation is one of the very best ways. Many young men have never been spoken to about their souls. Are these to die and be lost forever without an effort to save them? God help the Christian young people especially who read these words, to do this definite, personal work. We must have more of the young men reached. Select two or three who ought to be saved and with the help of the Lord go after them. Begin at once.

FOLLOW THE BOYS AND GIRLS.

The Sunday-school owes it to the boys and the girls who have been its scholars to follow them with a kindly interest after they have gone forth from its tuition to enter upon positions for self-maintenance in the larger towns and cities of their own or distant States. In the conditions and circumstances attending such in their new places of residence and service they will miss the genial social life, the warm sympathy and the inspiring moral influences previously experienced. In hotel or boarding-house life, where it is every man and woman for himself or for herself, where grace at meals, family devotions and religious converse are unknown, and where irreverence, skepticism and scoffing at religion are too apt to be

indulged, the chill and depression of spirit incident to such an environment will produce a sort of moral shock difficult and perilous to sustain. In such a situation our boys and girls, grown to young men and young women and having entered in earnest upon "the struggle for existence," will need friendship, sympathy, compassion and moral reinforcement, lest, under the feeling of depression and abandonment so apt to seize them, they give themselves up to those excitements and distractions of city life which are so common and whereby thousands are led to devote themselves to those pleasures of sin which are corrupting to morals, destructive of virtue and damning in their consequences.

PERSONAL WORK THE DUTY OF EVERY CHRISTIAN.

Jno. 1 : 35-40 ; 45, 46 ; Acts 8 : 26 ; Acts 10.

The value of personal work is immeasurable. Win one soul and you may start influences in motion whereby scores of precious souls will be saved.

Dr. J. O. Peck, a master in the art of personal work says, "One winter in D——, the writer induced a prominent man and soldier, after an interview of two hours in his office, to promise to begin a Christian life. At least twenty more were afterward converted as the direct result of this man's influence."

We greatly need a "one man" revival, where Christians work and pray for one soul rather than the multitude. Hundreds of Christians let the years go by without

bringing anybody to Christ. Such sort of Christian living is perilous to your own soul, as well as those about you. Religious stagnation is almost certain of eternal damnation. If you are not equipped spiritually for personal work, seek the power of God in your own life, until you are ready.

Make up your mind to win ONE to Christ.

Plan to get a soul saved as carefully as you plan for a business enterprise.

Have you talked Christ to that workman by your side? Multitudes who have been converted in revivals have been won by direct personal work. The way to start a revival is to begin on that unsaved friend nearest you.

CONFESSING YOUR SINS.

If you are to get soul relief it will be necessary for you to avoid hiding, or rather trying to hide a single sin.

It is possible for a man to go wrong, which is bad enough, but to stay wrong is worse. "That," writes John F. Cowman, "made the difference between Saul and David. Saul never made a clean breast of his sin and tried to start over. David cried, 'Blot out my transgressions, wash me thoroughly from my iniquity.'"

"There isn't much hope for a man as long as he confesses, 'I did wrong, but—.' A confession with a 'but' to it is like a house-cleaning with a closet door locked. A health officer once fumigated a scarlet-fever house, but there was one room the family did not want intruded on, and they covered the door and concealed it from him. He disinfected the rest of the house thoroughly, but within

six months scarlet fever broke out again, from germs in the closed room.

“Have you locked any door of your life against the Holy Spirit? Have you said to God, ‘I want to be decent here, and here, but there is a habit or a pet sin that I can’t have disturbed just yet?’ Some people pray to God for holiness as they ask other people for advice—they mean to take only so much as suits them. Our confessions are like the opalescent glass we put in our windows; we want to see the light outside, but mean that no one shall see what is inside. We keep God out with a frosted-glass sort of frankness.”

THANKSGIVING FOR PERSONAL MERCIES.

1 Kings 8 : 56 ; Isa. 63 : 7 ; 1 Tim. 1 : 12.

We ought to catch up with our thanks. There is hardly any one but could find much to be thankful for, even though life has been full of burdens and cares. A home thanksgiving in which your heart sings the doxology will bring to your life a glow of warmth and gladness. Try to think of all that you ought to be thankful for. Here are a few things.

Thank God for a place to work in His vineyard.

Thank God for opportunities to do good.

Thank God for the plan of salvation that just suits each individual who will accept it.

Thank God that some are seeking and obtaining pardon of their sins.

Thank God for some faithful preachers and teachers.
 Thank God for an open Bible, and the wide distribution of the same.

Thank God for loyal hearts to Him even in the midst of severe persecution.

Thank God you are saved, or at least can be.

Thank God for His temporal mercies.

Thank God for His protection amidst dangers seen and unseen.

Thank God for the real happiness that comes from serving Him.

Thank God for His mercy to sinful men.

Thank God for the spread of scriptural holiness.

Thank God for the hope of heaven.

“Let us be thankful, thankful for the prayers
 Whose gracious answers were long, long delayed,
 That they might fall upon us unawares,
 And bless us, as in greater need we prayed.”

A KIND WORD, A SUNNY SMILE.

“It was only a sunny smile,
 And little it cost in the giving;
 But it scattered the night
 Like the morning light,
 And made the day worth living.
 Through life’s dull warp a woof it wove
 In shining colors of hope and love;
 And the angel smiled as they watched above,
 Yet little it cost in the giving.

"It was only a kindly word,
 A word that was lightly spoken ;
 Yet not in vain,
 For it stilled the pain,
 Of a heart that was nearly broken.
 It strengthened a faith beset by fears,
 And groping blindly through mists of tears
 For light to brighten the coming years,
 Although it was lightly spoken."

SOMETHING EACH DAY.

To do something for God and humanity each day should be the aim of every Christian. Make your plans accordingly. Have it in mind during the day, and feel disappointed if the night overtakes you and no definite work for God or man has been done. If you would look back over a year of victory, you must improve the opportunities of each day.

"Something each day—a deed
 Of kindness and of good
 To link in closer bonds
 All human brotherhood.
 O thus the heavenly will
 We all may do while here,
 For a good deed every day
 Makes blessed all the year!"

THE USE OF PRAYER.

Luke 10: 2; Heb. 4: 16; James 4: 8; Col. 1: 9.

1—The harvest field. Jesus indicates the greatness of the harvest field and the scarcity of the labourers. It is just as true to-day and there is need of earnest prayer for more efficient, faithful workers.

2—Boldness in prayer. It would seem that God takes delight in having his children petition him in a time of need. We must not be afraid to ask "boldly" and "largely."

3—Co-operation and deliverance is promised. Those who seek to be saved from all sin, God will "draw nigh" to them. If the sinner desires his hands to be clean,—outward acts washed away—or the regenerate man to get rid of the "double mind," in either case God is more than willing to hear and answer such a prayer.

4—Intercession. It is most blessed to have others pray for us. Prayers of the saints are always a help to one another, but as Bud Robinson says, "When you pray, if nobody talks back to you it would be well for you to stop long enough to find out how you stand at headquarters."

HELPFUL ILLUSTRATIONS AS TO THE USE OF PRAYER.

Moses used prayer and delivered a whole nation. (Ex. 32: 32.)

Asa prayed and both he and his people were delivered from the Ethiopians. (2 Chron. 14: 11-12.)

Jehoshaphat used prayer and fasting, and the three

companies that came against him to battle were utterly destroyed. (2 Chron. 20.)

Elijah used prayer and the fire from heaven burnt up his sacrifice to the astonishment of the Baalites, and the people cried "The Lord, he is God! The Lord, he is God!" (1 Kings 18: 36-40.)

The 120 prayed ten days and Pentecost was ushered in. (Acts 2.)

Paul and Silas used the key of prayer to open prison doors. (Acts 16: 24-34.)

THE POWER OF A CLEAN LIFE.

How much we need young men and women whose lives are clean—above reproach. How much a life speaks out for God. The world is watching closely, and the least compromise with worldliness may trip a weaker brother or sister, and is sure to lessen our influence. Young men seek to be clean. Do not follow the rabble. Better go alone with God than with the worldly, popular multitude to hell. Pray for a clean heart. Get that and it will be a "regulator" of your outward conduct, as well as to help you to be a walking advertisement for the King of kings.

WITHOUT CHRISTIANITY.

How dark, lonely and wretched this world would be without Christianity. Who can measure or describe the awful degradation. Mathew Arnold once said, "Show me ten square miles in any part of the world outside of christianity, where the life of men and the purity of women are safe, and I will give up christianity." Henry Drummond adds, "There are no such ten square miles. Christian men are the salt of the earth."

LOST AND HELPLESS,—A MAN WITHOUT CHRIST.

John 12: 37-43; Heb. 3: 12.

There are four important points to keep in mind.

1—All men are lost through sin, "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." (Rom. 3: 23.) "For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all." (Rom. 11: 32.)

2—Salvation alone through Christ. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber." (John 10: 1.) "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out and find pasture." (John 10: 9.)

3—Regenerated by the Holy Ghost. This means very much more than the usual method adopted by some to get people into the church. "The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou heareth the sound thereof, but canst not

tell whence it cometh, or whither it goeth; so is every one that is born of the Spirit." (John 3:8). "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and the renewing of the Holy Ghost; which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour." (Titus 3:5-6).

4—Sanctified by faith. Paul the great apostle to the Gentiles, received his commission from God, it reads like this, "To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by FAITH that is in me." (Acts 26:18). What a thoughtful and magnanimous provision God has made to deliver the sinner from all his sin. Let us thank God and take courage.

THE BACKSLIDER UNSATISFIED.

There is no idolatry that can satisfy the heart that has once worshipped Jesus Christ. The deeper the backslider goes into sin the more tenderly it would seem God calls him to his first love. One who has been truly regenerated must make a desperate effort to stifle the longings of the heart to return to God. This is especially true of the backslider when he is brought under religious influences, or in the presence of holy people. If this should catch the eye of any poor, disheartened, discouraged backslider, you had better yield to the wooings of God's Spirit in His endeavor to have you again safe within the fold.

THEY HELPED THE OLD LADY.

Young people as well as some older ones are quite often not as courteous to old people as they should be. There should always be profound respect for the aged. During the big fire at Coney Island the other day, the following incident took place, related by an observer :

“As I stood on one of the piers watching the bursting flames—it was then after dark—eight husky youths in an old wagon drove down on a run. They threw the reins to a boy, and dashed out upon the sand. In a few minutes they came back and brought with them three whisky barrels that had been rolled on the beach. As they started to drive away a haggard old woman rushed up to them, grasped the leader by the arm and cried: ‘Oh, please save my pianny! Please save my pianny!’ ‘Where is it lady?’ asked the big rough fellow. ‘Down here,’ she cried, and began to run. ‘Come on boys,’ said the young fellow and they followed her.

“Back they came carrying an ancient piano of the tin pan sort, that had seen years of use in a Coney music hall. It was covered with sand, as it had been thrown on the beach, to save it from the flames, but the men were as careful of it as though it had been a concert grand, just out of the factory. ‘Go easy, boys,’ said the boss, ‘don’t scratch it on the wheel.’ It was laid on the barrels, the old woman was hoisted up beside it, the wagon moved off, and that is the last I saw of it or the men.”

NEVER FORSAKEN.

No one is ever forsaken of God until he wilfully forsakes God. There must be a turning from the right, and a choosing of that which is wrong before God gives one up. You should remember, my friend, that if you are now in the throes of despair and lukewarmness it is because you voluntarily omitted to do your Christian duty, and chose sin or worldly pleasure instead. Be true to God and he will be true to you. Forsake your sin and he will turn his face in your direction.

HOW SIN IS REMOVED.

The blood cleanseth from all. 1 John 1:7.

Laid on Christ. Isa. 53:6.

Put away by Christ. Heb. 9:26.

Christ is exalted to give forgiveness. 5:21.

The Lamb of God takes away. John 1:29.

Christ Jesus came to save sinners. 1 Tim. 1:15.

Christ died for our sins. 1 Cor. 15:3.

He bare our sin, in his own body on the tree. 1 Peter 2:24.

Without shedding of blood is no remission. Heb. 9:22.

Christ is exalted to give forgiveness. Acts 5:31.

A PICTURE OF THE SINNER.

He is spiritually dead.

He is spiritually blind.

He is seemingly unconcerned about eternity.

He does not value the provision of the Gospel.

He has no hope of heaven, therefore if he dies in his sins, eternity in hell is to be his portion.

His heart is dark, hard, filthy, sinful and from the abundance of such a heart his mouth speaketh.

His influence is not for good, but for evil. Others imitate him and are led into dissipation, loss of health and general degeneration.

The poor sinner! He is without hope, without Christ, without peace, without assurance, without anything that goes to make life substantial, either in this world or the world to come.

JESUS CHRIST,—HIS SAVING POWER.

Acts 4: 12; Matt. 1: 21; 1 Tim. 1: 15.

I. Christ as Saviour. This is pre-eminently his first mission to the world, and should be emphasized above all others. "For thou shalt call his name Jesus; for he shall save his people from their sins" (Matt. 1: 21). To under-rate Christ's saving power, or to say he cannot save from ALL sin, is to totally defeat the main purpose of his incarnation.

The world was heartsick of sin, and is still; but Christ, the Great Physician, came to effect a perfect cure.

Christianity differs from all other religions because it satisfies the human soul. Christianity embraces the highest moral standards known.

The work of salvation through Jesus Christ is more than a rescue from sin. It transforms the life of the sinner, and fills him with new purposes, new motives and new aspirations. In addition it plants within his breast a hope beyond this vale of tears.

2. Christ as Teacher. At an early age his teaching astonished the most astute philosophers. "He spake as never man spake." Thousands listened to his matchless words and were charmed by their beauty and simplicity. He is called the Great Teacher, and cannot be classified with any other man in this respect.

3. Christ as Healer. Hundreds were healed of their bodily diseases. There was not merely temporary relief from disease, but an instantaneous, permanent cure. This can be substantiated by scores of Scripture illustrations. Christ has the same power to heal the body to-day.

4. Christ as Sympathizer. Christ was peculiarly tender toward the unfortunate. He delighted to preach the gospel to the poor. The depth of his heart was moved in the presence of distress or suffering. How his example ought to inspire his followers to minister to the needy. In fact, the true Christian has a Christlike sympathy for those in trouble.

SUGGESTIVE THOUGHTS.

If Christ can save from one sin he can save from all sins.

Human religion is intellectual; Christian religion is spiritual.

The greatest proof of the divinity of Christ is to let him save you.

The followers of Christ are delightfully satisfied with their hope beyond the grave.

A true Christian is not governed by law but by love. "The love of Christ constraineth me."

"The distinction between Christianity and all the other religions consists largely in this, that in these others men are found seeking after God, while Christianity is God seeking after man."

"WHITER THAN SNOW."

Eccle. 9: 8; Ps. 51: 7; Isa. 1: 18; Rev. 7: 14.

Newly fallen snow is not so pure as it looks. From snow just fallen Floegel, a distinguished scientist, has obtained living infusoria, and algae, bacilli, and micrococci, mites, diatoms, and great numbers of spores of fungei, also fibres of wood, mouse hairs, pieces of butterfly wings, skin of larvae of insects, cotton fibres, pieces of glass, epidermis, pollen grains, rye and potato, flour, grains of quartz, minute pieces of roofing slate, and bits of iron and coal. But the divine grace makes whiter than snow—purifying the conscience thoroughly and cleansing from all impurities of flesh and spirit. The grave nearest the North Pole, dug in the everlasting snow, bears the

pathetic plaint, "Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow." A fine epitaph, indeed, but we must not leave it for our gravestones; let us claim its fulfillment even now, and by virtue of his sovereign power. He who rose from the dead shall cleanse our conscience from its foulness and fear, and the garment of flesh and all the raiment of life shall be whiter than any fuller on earth could whiten them.

A CHOICE FOR ETERNITY.

Luke 16: 19-31.

Choose! Josh. 24: 15, 16. How long halt ye? 1 Kings 18: 21. A choice determined by possessions. Mark 10: 17, 23. Far sighted choice. Heb. 11: 24-27. The choice of love. Ruth 1: 16, 17. To whom shall we go? John 6: 66, 69.

This lesson embraces one of the most startling pictures given in the Scriptures. The story of Dives and Lazarus is undoubtedly based upon fact. Some Bible students refer to this as a parable, but without scriptural warrant. The Bible says "There was a certain rich man." And "There was a certain beggar named Lazarus."

In this thrilling account Christ lifts the curtain and gives us a view of the other world. Two men, one rich and the other poor in this world, have changed positions in the other world. The poor man is now rich, and the rich man is now poor. The rich man is not in hell because he was rich, but because of his moral character, and his attitude toward God while here. The poor man is not in heaven because he was poor, while on the earth,

but because he was spiritually rich toward God. Character here fixes destiny yonder, and every man has the right of choice. The matter of saving your soul is not an arbitrary arrangement. God will not force himself upon you against your stubborn will. But God will use every legitimate means to bring a soul to repentance. "God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." The only sure way to die well it to live well. This means more than simply morality, it means Christ the center of the life, guiding the heart into all truth.

Heaven for the man who accepts Christ and his teachings, and Hell for the man who follows a course of sin and rejects the divine provision. YOUR WAY OF THINKING WILL NOT CHANGE THE DIVINE ORDER. No sin or sinner can get into Heaven. There is only one place for such, and that is Hell. "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve."

ETERNITY IN HELL.

Think of it my unsaved friend! Think of it backslider! Think of it church member engaged in worldliness! Eternity in Hell! Dishonest groceryman, dry goods man, business man, whiskey selling druggist, whiskey drinker, blasphemer, and those engaged in some secret sin, ETERNITY IN HELL!! STOP! STOP!! Repent of your sins, get to God at once.

Careless fathers and mothers and worldly minded children, if you are not converted to God you will spend eternity in Hell.

Those who are impure in mind and heart, whose mouth is filled with "smut" and filth, who lie and deceive, STOP! Seek God or you will spend eternity in Hell.

Let every sober, intelligent sinner consider this awful outcome of a sinful life. If you willfully continue in a course of sin, remember your final doom is a "lake of fire and brimstone"—ETERNITY IN HELL!!

Heed this earnest call, Attention! ATTENTION! to this loving appeal, or you may plunge into the "bottomless pit." The opportunity to escape is NOW. ACT NOW, for the delay of a single hour may fix your eternal destiny.

ETERNITY IN HELL! Awful thought. "Escape for thy life"!!!

NOT SEEING, BUT BELIEVING.

"The clouds hang heavy round my way,

I cannot see;

But through the darkness I believe

God leadeth me.

'Tis sweet to keep my hand in his

While all is dim;

To close my weary, aching eyes,

And follow him.

Through many a thorny path he leads

My tired feet;

Through many a path of tears I go,

But it is sweet

To know that he is close to me,

My God, my guide.

He leadeth me, and so I walk
 Quite satisfied.
To my blind eyes he may reveal
 No light at all;
But while I lean on his strong arm,
 I cannot fall."

THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF CHRIST.

Very often we have noticed this in the lives of young people. In their sinful, worldly state they were light and frivolous, and seemingly entirely indifferent to their soul's interest, but Christ touched the life and immediately there was a transformation. Now the life is beautified by kindly deeds and sober thinking. It is said of Elizabeth Fry that she was a thoughtless girl of seventeen years, used to all the refinements of luxury and a life of ease; wholly selfish and wholly useless, when God came to her through the voice of a Quaker preacher and she consecrated her life to God. Her meat and her drink were the doing of the Master's will and work. At the age of 65 she wrote: "Since my heart was touched, at the age of 17, I believe I have never awakened from sleep, in sickness or in health, by day or by night, without my first waking thought being how best I might serve my Lord." There could be but one result from such consecration. God sent her among the outcast, and her life became a constant benediction. The work she began in Great Britain among female convicts spread all over the continent of Europe. Letters from crowned heads, as well as from philanthropic people in the common walks

of life, began to pour in inviting her to visit the prisons of other lands; and subsequently she visited Scotland, France, Germany and other countries, upon this errand of mercy, everywhere hailed as an angel of peace and good will to men. The prisons of Europe were reformed through her labors, and the laws to punish criminals were greatly codified in nearly all European countries. Indeed, the reformation spread throughout the world. This was the work accomplished by one woman, who had submitted her life wholly to the will of God. She was changed from a thoughtless, frivolous girl into a woman of great usefulness and power. And what was true of Elizabeth Fry may be true of each one of us. We may not be called to so high a task. We may find our horizon circumscribed, and our opportunities limited; but if our meat and our drink are to do the will of God, the opportunities will be many and the results will be precious and permanent.

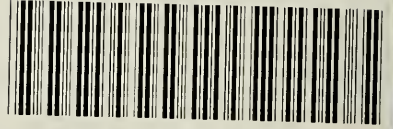
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